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COMMENT OF THE DAY

Elections Warning

THE British Conservative Party can hardly avoid feeling perturbed by the results of recent by-elections, for no matter how the voting is analysed, the fact emerges that the government has lost a wide measure of public confidence, including that of many Party supporters.

Wednesday's by-elections at Warwick and Bristol West uncomfortably illustrate this point. In Sir Anthony Eden's old constituency, more voters went to the poll than at the general election of 1955 (47,739 compared with 46,482) and the Tories not only polled 5,000 less, but the Socialists increased their support by 6,000 votes.

The net result was to reduce the Conservative majority from what normally would be an unassailable 13,466 to a meagre 2,157. Overnight a "safe" constituency has become virtually a marginal seat.

In Bristol West the reduction of the 1955 Tory majority of 22,000 by nearly 8,000 has other implications. There 8,600 of the electorate who voted in 1955 stayed away from the polling booths and the Labour candidate himself polled 300 votes less than previously.

The Tory total, on the other hand, fell 8,200 below that of the general election which suggests that thousands of traditional Conservative electors registered a silent protest against the government by abstaining from voting.

The current decline in the popularity of the governing party can undoubtedly be attributed in some measure to the failure of the Suez enterprise which, among other things, cost Britain some of her international prestige, made petrol rationing necessary and induced public transportation fares to rise. But it is also clear that the British public is angry about the general increase in living costs and resents also the proposed legislation which will decontrol rents for domestic premises.

To recover the lost ground the government needs time, which happily for the Conservatives, is at its disposal. Nevertheless it will have to make the fullest use of the next two years if it is to regain the confidence of the electorate and it may, among other things, have to revise its domestic policies where these have an impact on the cost of living.

US OFFERED TO OCCUPY GAZA TO PREVENT ISRAELI ATTACK

Cairo, Mar. 8. Mr. Rushdi Shawa, Israeli-appointed Mayor of Gaza, told reporters there today that the United States offered to occupy the Gaza strip two days before the Israeli invasion, according to reports reaching here from Gaza.

Mr. Shawa was quoted as saying: "Two days before the Israeli invasion seven US warships cruising in Gaza waters sent the

message "The United States government is willing to occupy the Gaza to prevent an Israeli attack."

Mr. Shawa said no answer was given as contact with the Egyptian government was impossible, but the message was conveyed to the Egyptian member of the Armistice Commission, Major Abbas Sidki. Mr. Shawa was reported to have told a group of

journalists who arrived in Gaza from Cairo that he had called today on the UNEF commander in Gaza, Lt-Col. Carl Engdahl, and offered his resignation. "The commander asked me to remain for 24 hours more," he added. Gaza was patrolled today by UNEF troops with truncheons and guns with fixed bayonets as hundreds of Arab refugees

paraded through the streets shouting: "Long live Nasser." "The UNEF are welcome guests, not occupiers," and "We will not allow internationalisation of Gaza."

Hundreds of refugees attending Friday prayers in the mosque bowed and took an oath that "we will accept no one except Nasser as President," the reports said.—Reuter.

"The Mad Bomber Of Paris" Hangs Himself

Paris, Mar. 8. The "mad bomber of Paris," who blew up an apartment house here wrecking 25 flats, was today found hanging under a bridge spanning the River Seine, police reported.

Police had been seeking Marcel Garanger, a 50-year-old locksmith, since the explosion rocked the block of flats last Wednesday. Nobody was hurt. Explosives experts, reconstructing the "infernal machine" used by Garanger, said the main components were a candle, pieces of string and a cobbler's last.

Ingenious

The explosion itself was caused by gas. According to the police reconstruction, Garanger placed a lighted candle with two pieces of string tied to it on the gas stove in his flat.

The top piece of string held the main gas tap in the "off" position. When it burned through a weight hung from the tap would turn it on. The "mad bomber's" idea, the police said, was that the lighted candle would touch off an explosion as soon as the mixture of gas and air reached the right proportions.

In case it did not, a shoemaker's last was hung from a second piece of string tied lower down the candle.

Delayed Action

When the candle burned through the second string, the shoe last would fall to the floor landing on some naked wires which had been attached to the electric meter.

This would touch off sparks and create an explosion. Police thought this was what actually happened.

Garanger, deliberately created a delayed-action machine, police said, so that he could make a getaway before the explosion took place.

Garanger, a mild-mannered bachelor, had lived in his flat for ten years. Neighbours said that he seldom spoke to anyone in the area.—China Mail Special.

AMERICA HAS A CANAL PAYMENTS PLAN

Hopeful It Will Be Acceptable

Washington, Mar. 8.

The State Department said today that the United States had made an interim proposal for payments of Suez Canal tolls, and operation of the canal, and was "hopeful of a solution" of the problem.

Mr. Lincoln White, the State Department spokesman, was asked at his daily press conference if United States ships were to be instructed to pay tolls directly to Egypt.

Mr. White replied: "The United States has indicated its views to the United Nations Secretary-General on an interim proposal for payment of tolls and operation of the canal pending a final settlement. We are waiting to hear Egyptian views concerning this proposal and are hopeful of a solution in accord with the rights and obligations (Mr. White stressed this word) of Egypt and the users of the canal."

Though heavily pressed, Mr. White refused to answer further questions on the United States proposal.

But it was learned in official sources that the proposal was made two or three weeks ago, and Egypt so far has ignored it formally.

The proposal, official sources said, provided for no direct payments of canal tolls to the Egyptian Canal Authority.

THE PROPOSAL

It was learned on good authority that the United States interim proposal provided for tolls to be split into half, one-half being paid to Egypt to cover costs of operating the Canal, and the other half into the World Bank until a permanent settlement was reached.

The Suez Canal Users Association, formed at the time of Egypt's nationalisation of the Suez Canal Company to protect the interests of the Canal users, would not enter into the arrangement of the interim plan envisaged by the United States.

Mr. White said later, amplifying his statement, that the United States was referring to the joint Western proposal for an interim arrangement to control the Suez Canal, some details of which were made available to the public a few weeks ago.

The use of the word "hopeful" was stressed by official sources and defined as a reference to United States confidence that a solution to the Suez Canal problem could be found based on the six principles unanimously adopted by the Security Council before the Anglo-French attack on the canal.

CAIRO ATTITUDE

Press reports from Cairo have indicated that the Egyptian government no longer felt itself bound by those six principles. But Washington had received no official word to this effect and United States officials said they were hopeful that the judgment of the world community would prevail.

Regarding the current right of passage through the canal, and payment of tolls, official sources pointed out that there were few ships of United States registry of 500 tons or less, and these were the only ships able so far to negotiate the passage. Therefore, the United States did not have an immediate physical interest, but was studying the position closely.

United States officials were reluctant to say whether the release of today's statement about an interim proposal was intended to prod Egypt into a reply.—Reuter.

'Quake Razes 1,000 Buildings

Athens, Mar. 8.

A strong earthquake rocked towns in the Thessaly region of East Central Greece today, crumbling more than a thousand buildings and causing a number of casualties.

At least one person was reported killed and a number of others injured in the quake, which sent residents fleeing in panic.

The strongest shocks were felt in a triangle formed by the towns of Larissa, Pharsala and Volos. The stricken area is a little more than 100 miles northwest of Athens.

Later reports said one person was killed, and a number injured in the village of Valaon. Several others were reported injured in factories in the port of Volos.

An official tally put the number of destroyed houses at 1,015 in 19 villages inside the Volos-Pharsala-Larissa triangle. A Palace announcement said Queen Frederika left tonight for the stricken region.—United Press.

HYDRALOCK'S CREW BACK

The Captain and crew of the ill-fated British vessel Hydralock, arrived this morning from Swatow on board the Hoi Houw.

The entire crew were in good condition and Capt. Geoffrey Lack said that they were treated extremely well wherever they went. "The people of China went out of their way to do things for us," he added.

Delegation Arrives

London, Mar. 8. The Singapore delegation to the Anglo-Singapore constitutional conference beginning here on Monday arrived in London by air tonight.—Reuter.

LADY PATRICIA LEAVES

Lady Patricia Lennox-Boyd, wife of the Secretary of State for the Colonies, returned to London by BOAC this morning. At the airport to see her off were His Excellency the Governor and Lady Grantham.

'NO' TO RUSSIAN PROPOSALS

Washington, Mar. 8.

A State Department spokesman said today that Britain, France and the United States would soon announce their rejection of a six-point Middle East plan proposed last month by the Soviet Union.

The plan, outlined by Mr. Dmitri Shepilov, then Soviet Foreign Minister, called for the elimination of foreign military bases and withdrawal of foreign troops from the area, an arms embargo, and a programme of economic aid for the Middle East.

SEPARATE NOTES

It was understood that the three Western powers had agreed on a new procedure in rejecting the Soviet proposals. Instead of sending identical notes to Moscow, each dealing with the full substance of the Soviet plan, the three Western allies would reply to separate points.

The United States reply would emphasize the defensive nature of the Eisenhower doctrine; Britain would defend the Baghdad pact; and France would examine Soviet motives in the light of the Soviet Union's armed intervention in Hungary.—Reuter.

10-Yr Sentence Demanded

Berlin, Mar. 8.

The East German public prosecutor has asked for a ten year prison sentence against Professor Wolfgang Harich, of Humboldt University in East Germany, for counter-revolutionary activities directed against the East German Government, the East Berlin radio reported tonight.

The East Berlin radio said the young professor of philosophy drew up a plan last November to liquidate the East German Republic and detach it from the Soviet bloc. Warsaw pact.—France-Press.

Spots Wreckage

Newcastle, Delaware, Mar. 8. A diver spotted a twisted mass of wreckage today at the scene of a collision that sent a Navy-owned gasoline tanker to explosive death on the Delaware River, carrying down 10 men with her.

Norman Lynch, a civilian diver with the Army corps of Engineers, reported finding sections of wreckage about five feet high, seven feet wide and 30 feet long below the surface of the dark, muddy water.—United Press.

SEATO Works On Defensive Plans

Canberra, Mar. 8.

Military chiefs of eight Southeast Asia Treaty powers today began converting into detailed military plans their broad concepts for defence against any sudden Communist attack, according to military sources.

They met under elaborate security precautions in the Senate chamber of the Australian Parliament to fill what the Australian chairman, Air Marshal Sir John McCauley,

described as "the need to increase as rapidly as possible the capacity of member nations to meet aggression."

The eight SEATO powers are Australia, France, New Zealand, Pakistan, the Philippines, Thailand, the United Kingdom and the United States.

At the beginning of the meeting, Admiral Felix Stump of the United States predicted the advisers' meeting would "set an example to our political

masters in the harmony and speed with which we get things done."

Conference sources reported that daylong subcommittee meetings that today was probably the most harmonious advisers meeting in the history of SEATO.

As a result, the military advisers were expected to wind up ahead of schedule tomorrow instead of continuing into Sunday.—Reuter.

STRIKE ENDED

New York, Mar. 8.

Striking tugboat crews today voted by a large majority to accept a new work agreement, thus ending a 36-day strike, the longest on record in New York harbour.

Some 3,200 of the 4,000 union members took part in the voting. The new agreement will remain in force for four years.—France-Press.

Ghana Admitted

New York, Mar. 8.

The General Assembly tonight unanimously agreed to admit Ghana to the United Nations.—Reuter.

Best Tips For Today's Valley Races

By "Rapiet"

RACE 1

Silver Dahlia
King Rider
French Bean
Outsider:—Chekumpum.

RACE 2

C'est Si Bon
Zerimar
Many Returns
Outsider:—Vigorous Ava.

RACE 3

Scarlet
Gay Minstrel
Courier
Outsider:—Tiger Shark.

RACE 4

Eudora
Sportmanship
Helicon
Outsider:—Long Cue.

RACE 5

Milky Way
Famoran
Glamour Girl
Outsider:—Tel Ping Shan.

RACE 6

Edinburgh
Whirlaway
Magic Eyes
Outsider:—Scribu.

RACE 7

Hammer Mill
Flying Dutchman
Rebel II
Outsider:—Hawallan Moon.

RACE 8

Waglan
Atomic Caesar
Gay Sire
Outsider:—Orange King.

RACE 9

Permanent View
Welcom
Asian Diamond
Outsider:—Brilliance.

RACE 10

Pandora
Diana
Blue Grass
Outsider:—Beautiful Lie.

By "The Turf"

RACE 1

Chekumpum
Silver Dahlia
King Rider
Outsider:—Carolo.

RACE 2

C'est Si Bon
Zerimar
Vigorous Ava
Outsider:—Many Returns.

RACE 3

Scarlet
Tiger Shark
Gay Minstrel
Outsider:—Viewpoint.

RACE 4

Mercury
Helicon
Long Cue
Outsider:—Eudora.

RACE 5

Glamour Girl
Tel Ping Shan
Milky Way
Outsider:—Famoran.

RACE 6

Edinburgh
Magic Eyes
Whirlaway
Outsider:—Scribu.

RACE 7

Hammer Mill
Flying Dutchman
Emperor Delight
Outsider:—Rebel II.

RACE 8

Dutch Rocket
Waglan
Fel Chi
Outsider:—Free Kick.

RACE 9

Asian Diamond
Golden Nugget
Permanent View
Outsider:—Brilliance.

RACE 10

Pandora
Easy Win
Blue Grass
Outsider:—The Cherub.

TODAY'S TEASER TIP

for the last race

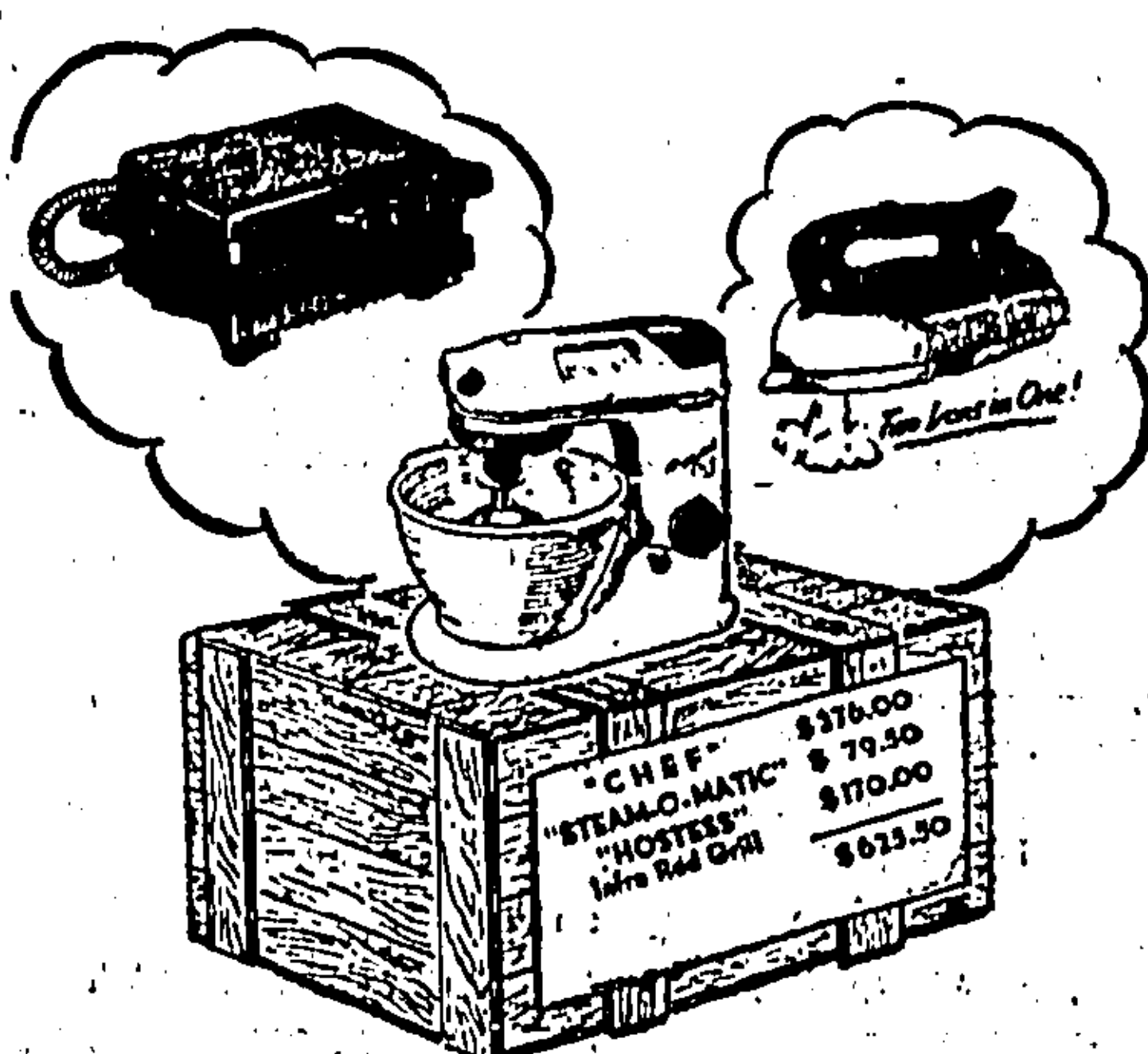
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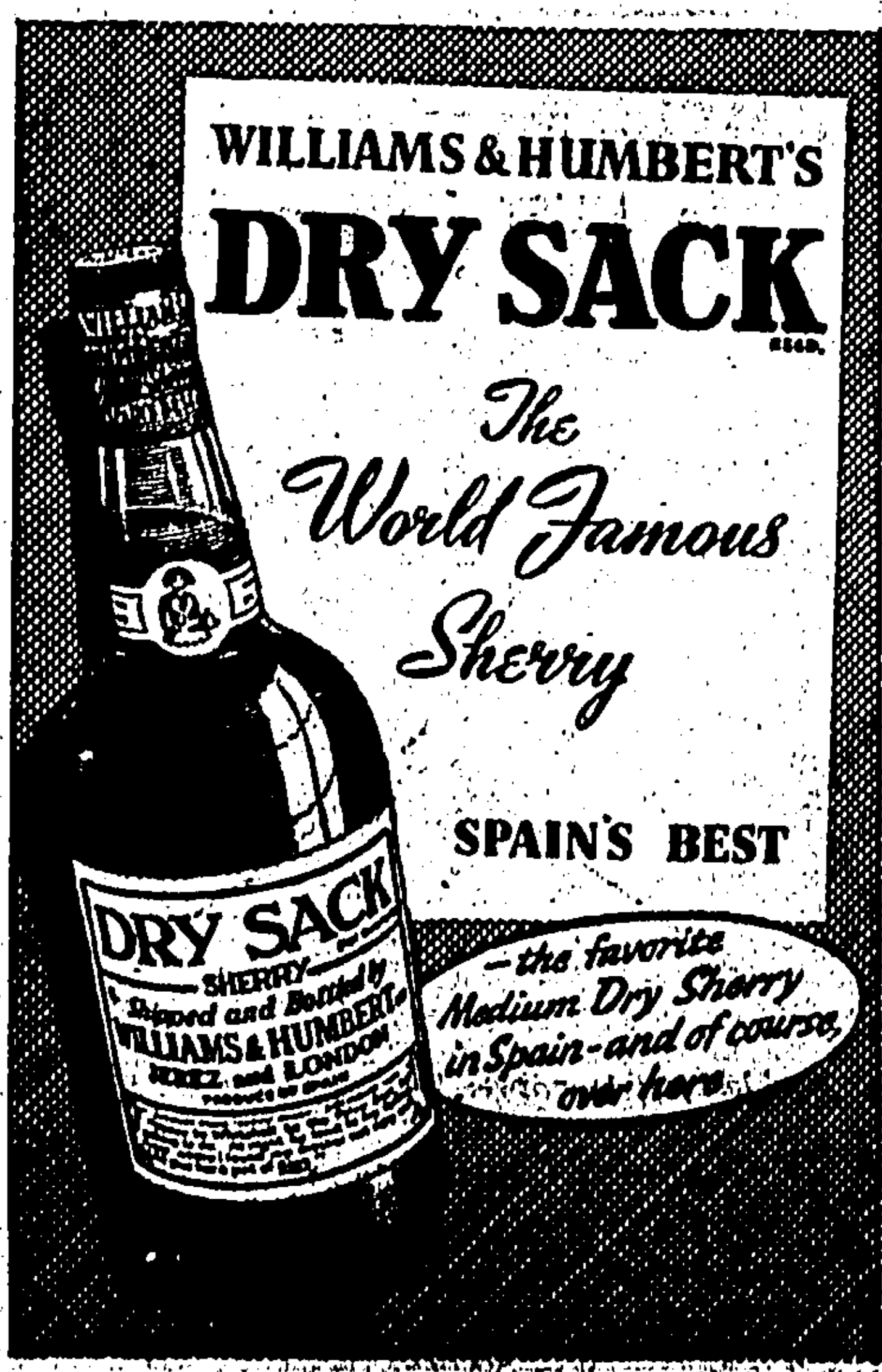
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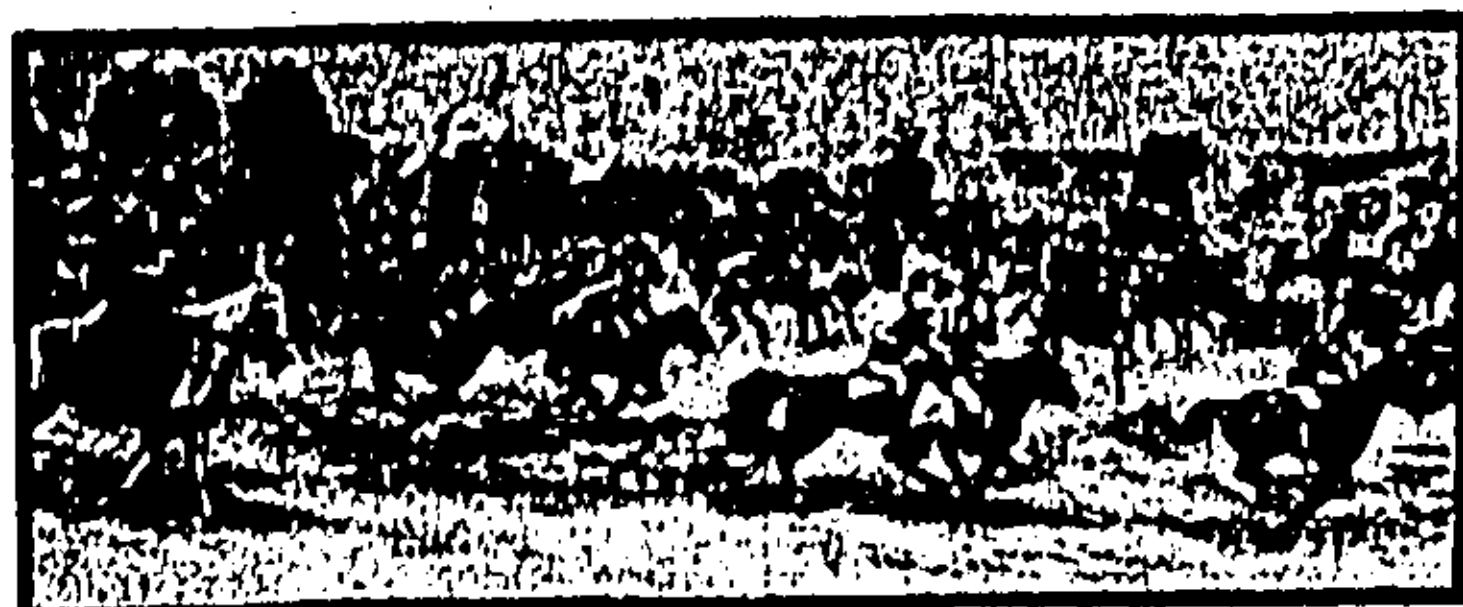
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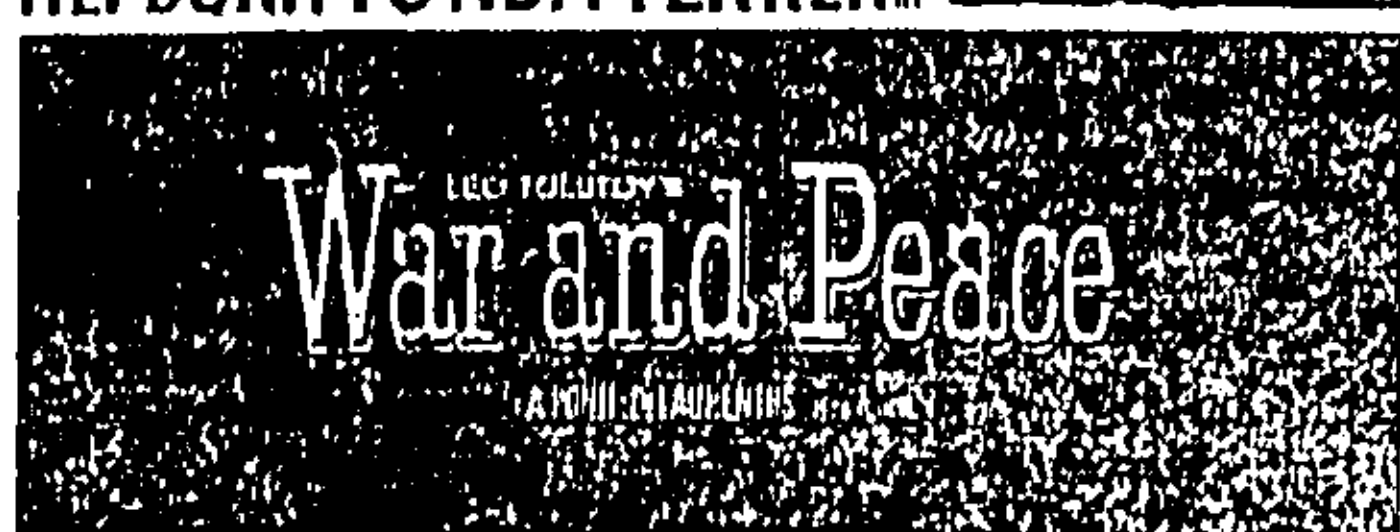
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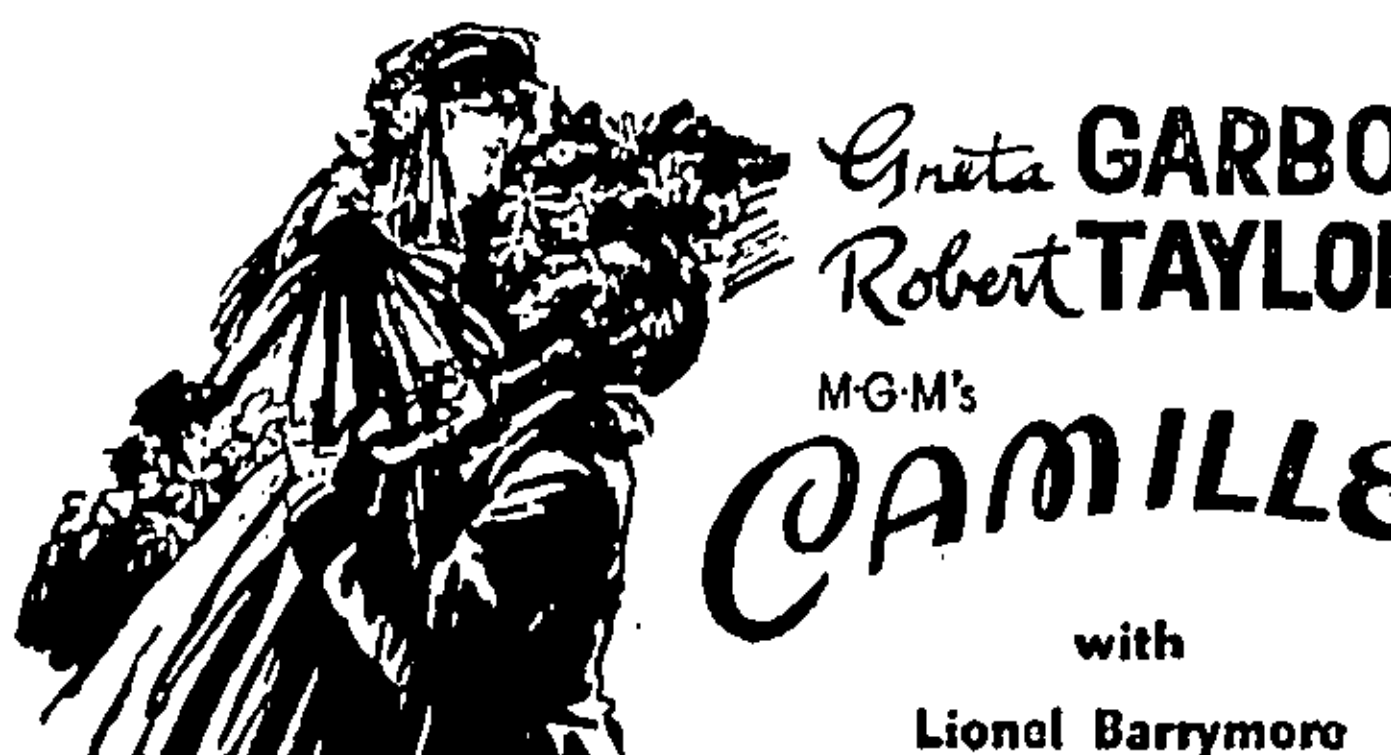
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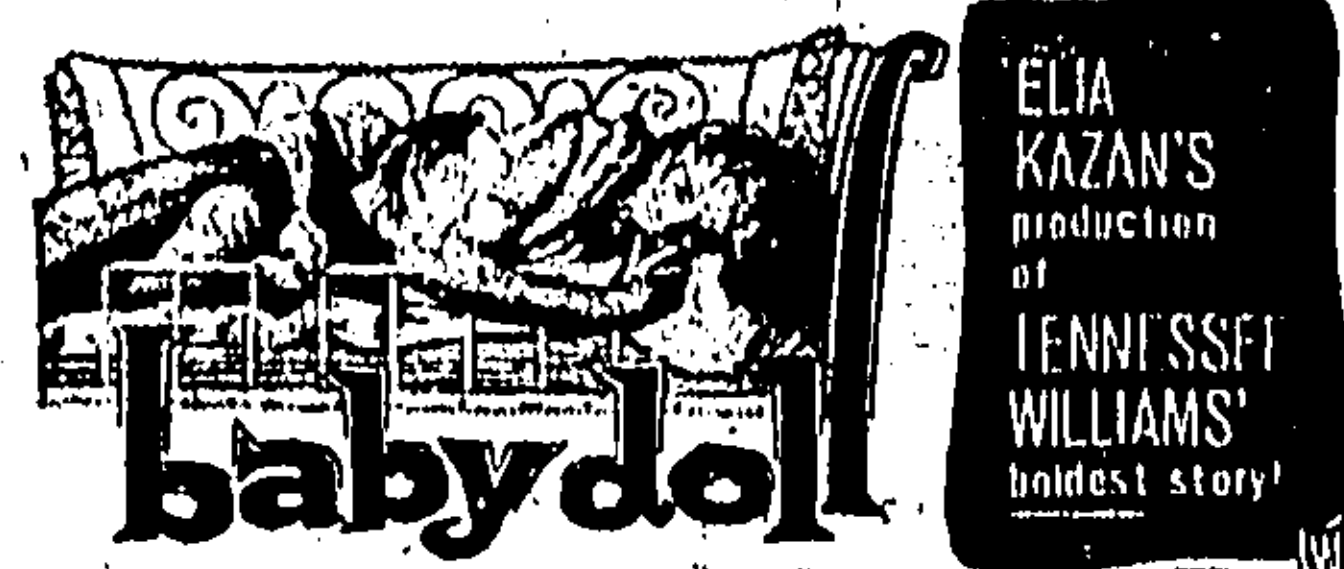
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FILMS *Current & Coming*
BY JANE ROBERTS**Baby Doll**TENNESSEE Williams is
an author of the
Macabre. He did it with "A
Streetcar Named Desire".
He seems to have "done it"
too with "Baby Doll." —
But "done what?"Well, whatever he has done,
the chances are that whether
they like it or not, and whether
they are glad they went to see
the film or not by the time they
come out of the theatre, most
regular film goers in Hong-
kong, as everywhere else, (and
quite a number of people who
are not regular film goers) are
likely to find themselves
queuing at the booking office
for a ticket for the doll.
How he "does it" is not so
easy to work out.The success of "Streetcar"
may have been due to Miss
Vivien Leigh who acted the
part of Blanche—a neurotic
nymphomaniac who drags her
way through the play and ends
up in a mental home at the
end of it. As a play, the
atmosphere of the thing was
powerful enough to send Miss
Leigh off for a similar kind of
rest.**Dismal, Decay**But what was the play? At
almost any modern mental home
in England patients create as
powerful an atmosphere in
"psychodramas" which they put
on two or three times a month.
Boiled down — "Streetcar" was
the study of a deranged girl sup-
ported by the squalid conditions
that helped to push her off the
rails.Baby Doll is pretty much the
same. And here's the story:
Like "Streetcar" the scene is
again the dismal decaying South.
Archie Lee Melghum (Karl
Malden) flabby and forty, lives
with his wife Baby Doll (Carroll
Baker) and old Aunt Rosa on a
fallen-apart plantation mansion
that belongs to another age.
Archie Lee is the owner of a
deserted cotton gin — a mill in
which cotton is cleared of seeds.
But his machine has been idle
for more than a year.Baby Doll is about to turn 20
years old... a birthday on
which she has agreed to become
the true wife of Archie Lee.
The ill-matched pair spend their
lives quarrelling over two big
problems — money and love.
Archie is in a state of perpetual
turnout over his unconsummated
marriage, and over the competi-
tion offered by the newer and
more efficient cotton gin run by
Silva Vacarro.Archie falls behind on his
furniture payments and one day
arrives home to find that the
furniture company has removed
everything except an old crib —
the one which was enlarged to
cover a 15,000 square foot sign
displayed on the Sherman Hotel
in Chicago. It covered a third
of an acre and was said to be
the largest advertisement ever
pested.**New Trouble**The producers proudly claim
that the advertisement was as
large as the Statue of Liberty.To add to his troubles, Archie
finds the local cafe empty and
wanders into his wife's place,
where everyone has gathered for
celebrations with brass bands
and speeches, just as a fire
breaks out which destroys the
gin.Archie makes a deal with his
rival after the disaster, and
things should have been looking
up for him. However, he has
to leave the plantation to buy a
new bearing for his old
machine.Vacarro, sure that Archie was
responsible for the arson, makes
use of the absence to make love
to Baby Doll. He hopes to break**This Week's Films
In Pictures****And this is the Baby Doll**her husband's alibi, and she final-
ly agrees to sign a paper which
Vacarro prepares.On his return Archie cannot
but sense that something new
has been added to his troubles,
and he quickly smells out what
it is. Instead of doing anything
about it, he takes first to drink
— the coward's strengthener —
and then goes out berserk,
maddened with raw spirit and
jealousy to find Vacarro. Unable
to do so, he fires instead at
anything that moves until taken
into custody by the town mar-
shall.In the film's favour — Carroll
Baker gives one of the most
gripping first performances on
record. Against it, "Time
Magazine" says: "Possibly the di-
rect American-made motion
picture that has ever been
luridly exhibited."But perhaps that comment is
not really against the film.
Tennessee Williams meant it
to be that way.**THREE STARS****The Barretts**To recuperate from the
Doll at the Queen's and
Alhambra, we have "The
Barretts of Wimpole Street"
at the Hoover and Liberty.John Gielgud brings his Cas-
sius to put gall into America's
favourite villain — the tyrann-
ical father who keeps his
daughter from the man she
loves.And Jennifer Jones brings
back her many splendoured love
to work on that handsome giant-
ized he-man Bill Travers,
whose best remembered role
was in Bhowani Junction, and
who now plays Robert Brown-
ing.The conjunction of these three
stars should be enough to cast
a promising horoscope for the
film in Hongkong.As I have not yet seen it I
cannot say how much Holly-
wood sugar has been added to
the original recipe by Rudolf
Besler.But I can say that this film
is one I do intend to see, and,
from all accounts, expect to
enjoy.**FISH-EYE VIEW****The Silent World**Jacques-Yves Cousteau's
hobby — or perhaps it would
be nearer the truth to say
main interest — is deep sea
diving.Combining work and pleasure
he has produced a picture that
although possibly appealing to
a limited audience has in it
enough imagination and feeling
for the subject to recommend
it to anyone who has ever felt
the urge to throw caution to
the winds and risk his future
on something he likes rather
than on business that he feels
will bring in a great deal of
money or power.The colour is good and the
commentary sufficiently Gallic
to take the picture out of the
run of ordinary documentaries.
The certainties of underwater
swimming is captured well and
the Calypso Jacques-Yves
Cousteau's boat, is obviously
his most prized possession.What it lacks in story is com-
pensated for by the interest
aroused during the last few
years in this form of sport.
Anyone bored by his present
employment and who feels he
has an inclination to go below
the surface would be well ad-
vised to see this picture.**GARBO FLASHBACK****Camille**For picturegoers who
have never seen "Camille"let me say that it is an ex-
perience not to be lightly
dismissed.Whatever may be your feel-
ings about the elusive Garbo
and the legend she, or her
friends have built up about her
talent, it is true that when she
made this picture she was a
very beautiful woman and after
all, isn't that what most people
go to the cinema to see?The story of the picture is
frankly sentimental. It's the
sort of thing that makes an
excellent operatic libretto. Girl
meets boy, both are attracted
to each other, father is not
sympathetic, considering the
girl to be of a lower social
status than his son; father
pleads, girl capitulates and is
discovered to be dying of con-
sumption.What makes this picture so
different is the elusive appeal
of Garbo, Jean Harlow and
James Dean have become names
with which to conjure because
of their early deaths. Garbo is
still alive, has made few pic-
tures, yet has managed to re-
main in the minds of people
who have probably only seen
her in this one picture.It's worth a visit to con-
jecture whether she will be re-
membered ten years from to-
day.**New Films
At
A Glance****SHOWING****HOOVER AND LIBERTY:**"Camille": A revival of the
Greta Garbo classic.**KING'S and PRINCESS:**"War and Peace": Tol-
stoy's immense work cut
down to three hours of
screen time.Audrey
Hepburn, Mel Ferrer,
Henry Fonda, Herbert
Lom, Oscar Homolka.**METROPOLE and STAR:**"The Unguarded Mo-
ment": A teen-ager
(male) a teacher
(female) and a series of
surrealistic incidents.**QUEEN'S and ALHAM-**BRA: "Baby Doll": A
combination of "Bus
Stop" and "A Streetcar
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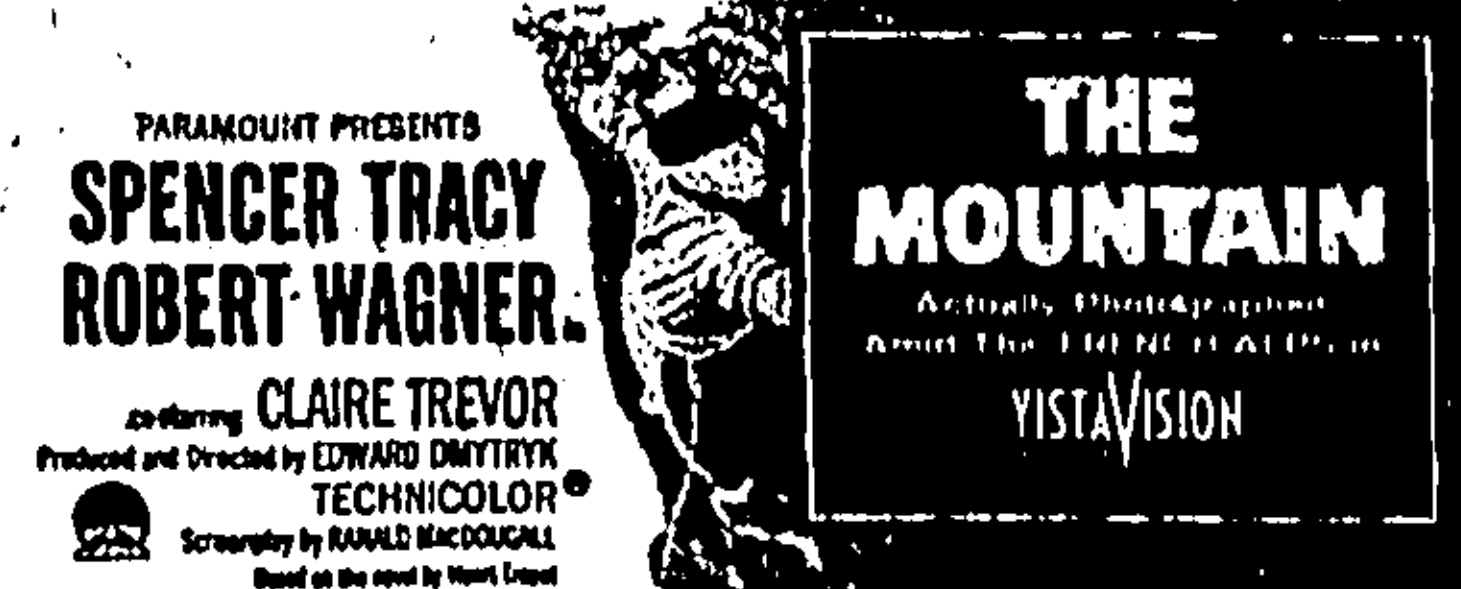
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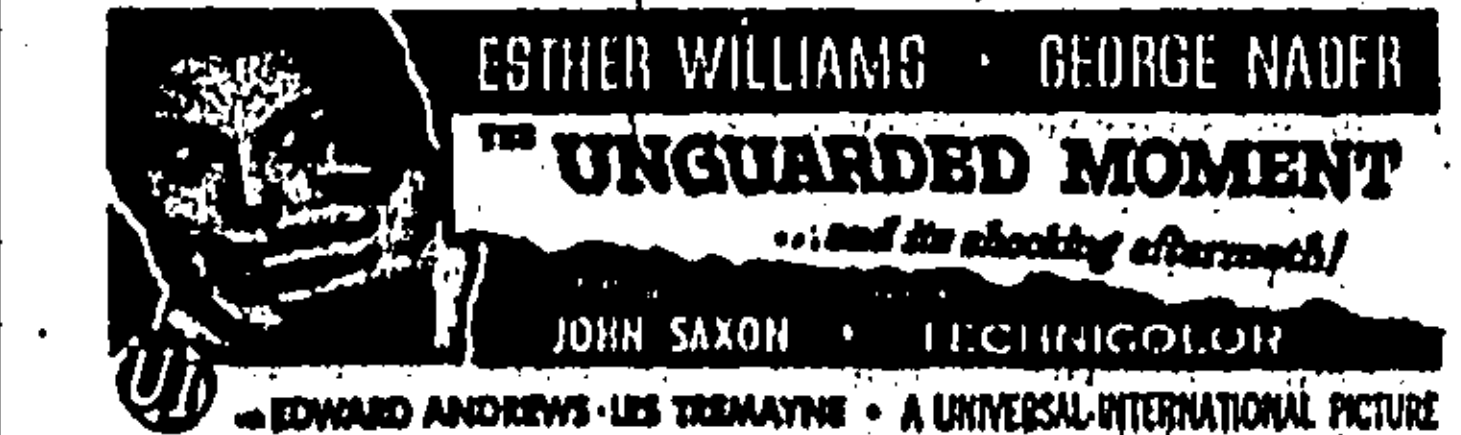
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THE ANSWER TO THE ROAD AND AIR CHALLENGE—SUPER EXPRESSES

100-mph Rail Luxury Next Year

London. THE first five 100 m.p.h. luxurious expresses—British Railways' challenge to their air and road rivals—will go into service next year. They will run between London and Manchester, Birmingham, Wolverhampton, and Bristol.

British Transport chief Sir Brian Robertson intends that no rail system in the world will have anything better than the new trains. The carriages—drawn by diesel-electric engines which may even exceed 100 m.p.h. on non-stop runs—will be smooth-riding, almost noise-proof, and dirt-proof. The trains will be "all-Pullman" type with no separate dining-cars. Every

passenger will be able to ring a bell, give his order to a steward, and have his meal brought to his seat. British Railways are putting passengers' comfort and convenience first in their hope of winning back the traffic they have been losing to air and road travel. Sir Brian announced the trains when reporting to Mr. Harold Watkinson, Minister of Transport, on the progress of the £1200,000,000 plan to modernise the railways.

Mr. Watkinson, who has made it plain that the huge expenditure is not a disguised subsidy, but is a tough commercial investment, expects Sir Brian to make the railways pay in four or five years. Sir Brian plans to spend about £150,000,000 in the next

two years. Improvements include:

Many more routes will have automatic train control which warns a driver when he passes a signal. Cleaner trains.—A total of £3,500,000 has been allocated for improvements in carriage cleaning. And more than £20,000,000 will be spent on new passenger coaches.

THE SUN NEARS MIDDLE AGE

Six Billion Years To Go

New York. The sun is now near its middle age. That is, it has been going for six billion years and has about six billion years to go.

Science can calculate the time remaining for life on earth with what seems to be unassailable logic, said astronomer Dr. Allan Sandage, in a recent lecture to the trustees and staff of the Carnegie Institute.

The sun, like all other stars is converting hydrogen atoms into helium nuclei and that is the source of its radiant energy.

Knowing its mass, it is possible to calculate how many hydrogen atoms it has and had to work with. Knowing its light intensities, it is possible to approximate the rate at which this converting is going on.

RAPID BUILDUP

But these created helium atoms were waste products which more and more threatened the internal chemical stability of the star. To compensate for these changes, the star increased in size and increased the intensity of its radiations.

All this is very slow and gradual up to a certain point—the point where the star has consumed 12 per cent of its hydrogen atoms.

At this point, "the star can no longer compensate for its increased helium content by small changes, but must drastically increase in radius," said Dr. Sandage.

"At this point, the star is near the end of its life, because it swiftly increases in luminosity, consumes its remaining fuel at a tremendous rate, and finally sinks into obscurity and death as its fuel is depleted."

Astrophysicists estimate the sun has consumed six per cent of its fuel. Six billion years from now it will enter its death throes that will last 500 million years. As it increases in radius, the temperature of the earth's surface will shoot up at a frightful rate.

LIFE WILL END

The expanding sun will drive the temperature first above the boiling point of water and then to the melting point of lead. "Life will have ceased, the oceans will have boiled away, and conditions will be miserable," he continued.

"But let us not despair of our plight," he said. "Our sun is only one among millions in our galaxy and our galaxy is but one among millions in the universe."

"Most astronomers now believe that solar systems like our own are common. If this view holds, then there may be other places much like our own where life exists. We on this planet are lucky. The rate of aging of our sun is slow. We have another six billion years to live."

Dr. Sandage is a staff member of the Mount Wilson and Palomar Observatories of the California Institute of Technology.—United Press.

Seven Watch While Dogs Maul Boy

Chimley. MEN and women stood by as 12-year-old Alan Marsh, screaming for help, tried to fight off two Alsatian dogs. The dogs knocked him down as he tried to run to his home in Water Street, Chorley, Lancashire. Then they dragged him nearly 30 yards, biting his arms and legs and ripping his clothes. Then 18-year-old newspaper boy Thomas Alston, who had himself been attacked by the

dogs a few minutes before, saved Alan by bringing Mrs. Mary Carting, wife of the dogs' owner, to the scene. Tom said later: "About five men and two women were watching. Alan was screaming and trying to keep the dogs off him with his hands and feet as he lay on his back in the snow. When I was nearly naked when taken to hospital, was suffering from shock and bites to the arms and legs."



REMEMBER TOMBOY? (on this page) (last Saturday) NOW READ THIS!

Windsor. Tomboy, the hound who didn't like hunting with the Waverley Valley Harriers, saw his first hare last week—a yellow rubber one wearing a top hat. The hare, a toy, is the joint property of four children living at Windsor, Berkshire. So is Tomboy.

They decided to give him a home for life after reading in a London newspaper that he might have to be destroyed because he refuses to hunt hares.

Four hundred readers offered to have him as a pet.

First to contact the newspaper was Mr. Richard Newton Brown, 47-year-old advertising executive and father of four, of Albany Road, Windsor.

He telephoned the Hunt Master, Major A. E. Galloway, of Rumburgh, Suffolk, who told him: "If you really want him—he's yours."

Among the many letters was one from eight-year-old Linda Barlow, of Rochford, Essex, who wrote: "Please do not have him put to sleep. He looks as if he

is asking to be loved. I will take care of him."

Major Galloway said: "My mailbag has been stupendous. I can't answer every letter. Please thank everyone for me."

Tomboy settled down in his new home near Windsor Great Park.

Susan, aged 15, was brushing his blotchy brown-and-white coat last week, while her brothers, Terry, 13, and Bryan, eight, patted his head and stroked his ears.

Mary, aged seven, looked into Tomboy's eyes and said: "You're a lovely, lovely doggie."

Said Mrs. Margaret Newton Brown: "None of the children has been getting any sleep. They get up at six and take him for three-mile walks."



The Full Story Of The... TRANS-ATLANTIC TOT

London. A baby boy who was only 11 months old when he sailed from England has crossed the Atlantic with his parents in a 20-ton ketch.

The parents, black-bearded Brian Elverson, aged 31, and his 22-year-old wife, Rosamund, were criticised for letting Baby Rupert face the hazards of an Atlantic crossing in mid-winter.

"It's cruel," "a nightmare journey," critics said. Mr. Elverson sold his farm at Malmesbury, Wiltshire, to buy the 40-year-old ketch, Scolopax. Before they left Falmouth on October 30, his only sailing experience was one trip to the French coast.

His navigational equipment consisted of a second-hand sextant, a book of Air Ministry tables, and a 6s. copy of "Celestial Navigation for Yachtsmen."

"They'll never make it," said critics. "The baby will never survive."

In Barbados

Last week it was revealed that the Scolopax has made the crossing safely.

Baby Rupert—now 15 months old—has thrived on his unusual ocean trip.

Mrs. Elverson's aunt, Miss E. R. Elverson, said from her

home in Great Putney Street, Bath: "They are in Barbados. I have had three letters."

"Their route took in Madeira, the Canaries, and Cap Verde. At one time they were 30 days without sighting land. But they were all right as they had six months' food on board."

"After a short stay they plan to sail from the Gulf of Mexico to Houston, Texas, where Brian's brother has a business."

His birthday

"Baby Rupert was a little sea-sick at first. He celebrated his first birthday at sea and on Christmas Day he ate Christmas pudding on deck in blazing sunshine."

"The family have given a full answer to their attackers. They always knew they would make it."

The Elversons have abandoned their plan of looking for a South Sea island on which to set up a trading base.

Miss Elverson said: "They may settle in Australia. But nothing has been fixed. They make their plans as they go along."

The target

Baby Rupert was the target of the critics five months ago. Nicholas Monsarrat, author of "The Cruel Sea," said that taking an 11-month-old baby on such an adventure was "sheer cruelty."

"Nonsense," said Rosamund. "Life at sea is better for a baby than life in a stuffy city."

Mrs. Peter Twiss, wife of the jet air ace, said: "A terrifying idea."

Casualty

"Bosh," said Mr. Elverson. "The only way to satisfy these critics would be not to go at all."

An N.S.P.C.C. official said: "Providing the boat is seaworthy and there is plenty of food and medical supplies, the child is exposed only to the normal hazard of a small ship journey."

"It would be hard to say the couple are exposing their child to danger in the legal sense."

FOOTNOTE: The only casualty was the Elversons' tame pet rat Palkany (they took him on their honeymoon)—and he died in Falmouth before they sailed.



BABY RUPERT

Going, Going...

London. Darlington's trolley buses are to go—but not until the present fuel emergency has ended. The Corporation plans to buy eight buses to replace the last of the trolley vehicles.



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Pub Name Starts Union Row



Debden. A SIGN like this may soon be hanging outside a pub—but not if a group of union men can help it. They are objecting to the name. The pub, nearing completion at Debden, Essex, will be the first one in the country to be called Sir Winston Churchill. The union men, members of Woodford branch of the Electrical Trades Union, are complaining to the brewers and the magistrates that it should have a name of "local historical significance."

Mr. Leslie Hurworth, branch secretary, said: "If it was at Woodford I would have advised the branch not to protect its view of the long association Sir Winston has had with that district."

Bob, The Horse Gets The Sack

Wigtownshire. BOB is a good horse, well behaved and a willing worker. But his one fault is that he is so independent—he will stand on his own four feet.

And just because of that he has been sacked as town horse of Wigtown, Wigtownshire. Bob had been with the town only six weeks when the Council began worrying about him.

He just would not lie down to sleep and by doing on his own feet was not getting his proper rest.

The council feared it would shorten his life, make him bad tempered or even make him dangerous if he fell asleep on his feet on his round. So they gave him £20—less £25 in part, exchange for Bob—the council bought Dick, who does lie down to sleep. Said Provost J. Arnott: "Bob might have been all right, but there's always a risk with horses which sleep on their feet."

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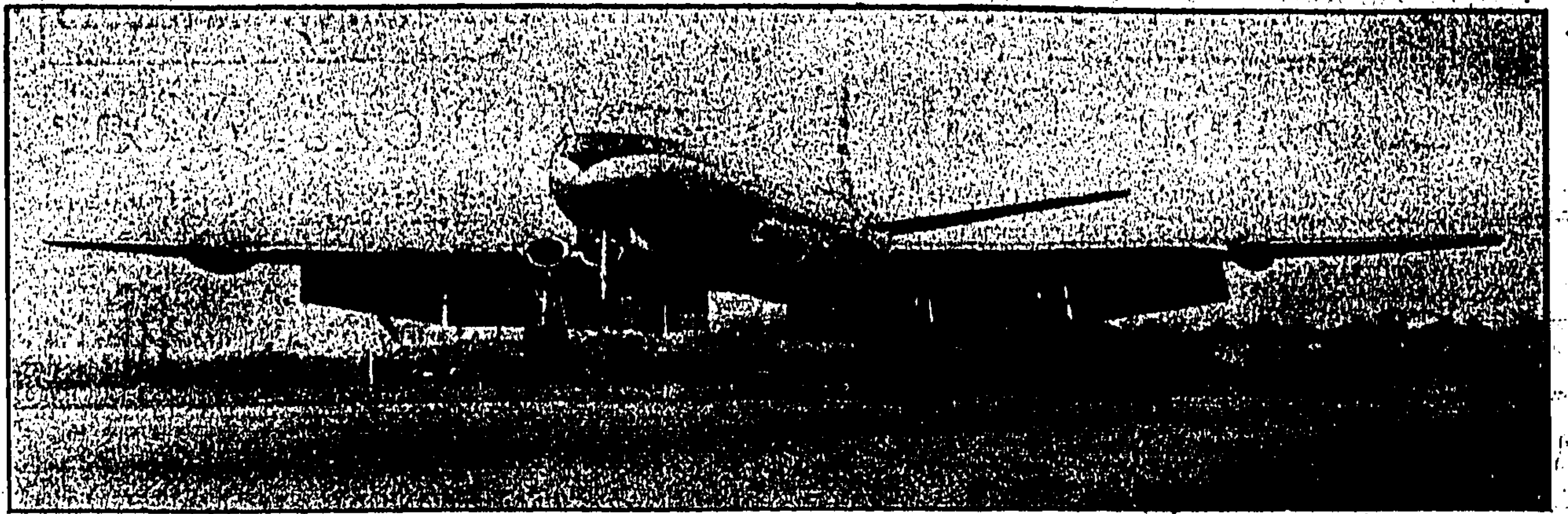


WALK from school . . . an ordinary enough looking one of boys out for a walk from an ordinary enough English Prep School. Only thing special about it is Prince Charles who brings up the tail of the crocodile. (Express)

RIGHT: New U.S. Ambassador to the Court of St James — Mr John Hay Whitney and Mrs Whitney seem to have backed a winner. (Express)

BELOW: George Raft (See Logan Gourlay—page 8) started life not as a tough guy, but as a dancer on the boards. In London now, he has a chance to dream a bit, and go back a bit too. (Express)

BOTTOM: Dingo whelps in the London Zoo—nine pups! Any zoo want a dingo? (Express)



TAKE OFF INTO THE FUTURE: Britain's intermediate "Comet" takes off on yet another perfect test run. (Express)

RIGHT: Princess Margaret and the whole "Margaret clan" attended the London Premiere of the film Anastasia—a Royal performance remarkable for the fact that none of the principal actors was presented. (Express)



LEFT: Prince Philip and the Lord Mayor of London. The occasion was after the traditional Lord Mayor's banquet given to members of the Royal Family upon their return from overseas. (Express)



RIGHT: Aristocrat and Communist met at the Polish Embassy in London recently when a British subject, scion of a noble Polish family, presented a historic banner to the Polish people. The banner, a battle standard, had been taken in battle by one of his Polish ancestors in the Middle Ages. (Express)



LEFT: The Cabinet went en bloc to London Airport to greet the Queen and Duke of Edinburgh upon their return from Portugal. The Queen is seen smiling at Mr Butler. (Express)

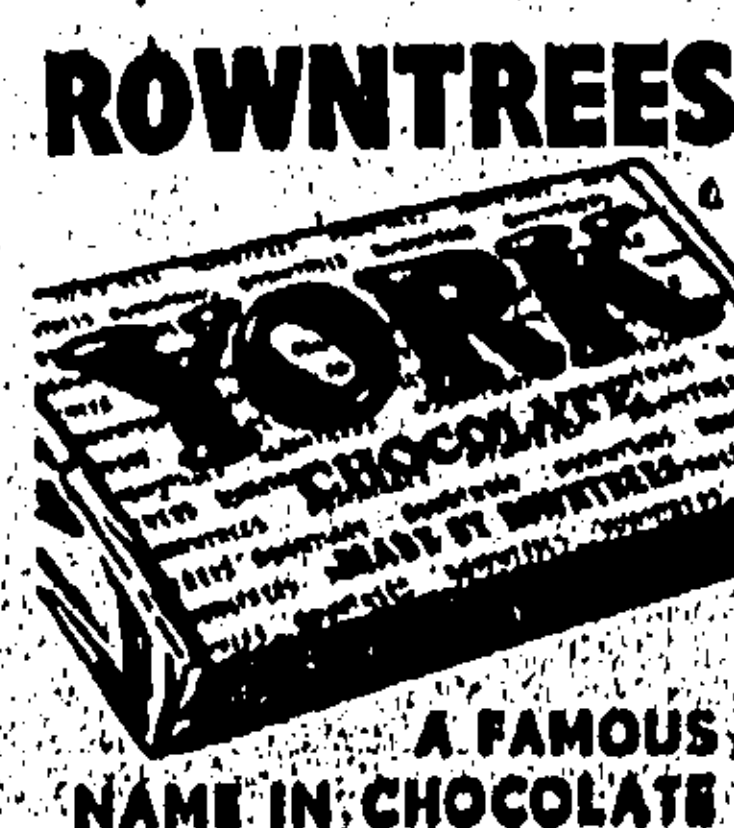
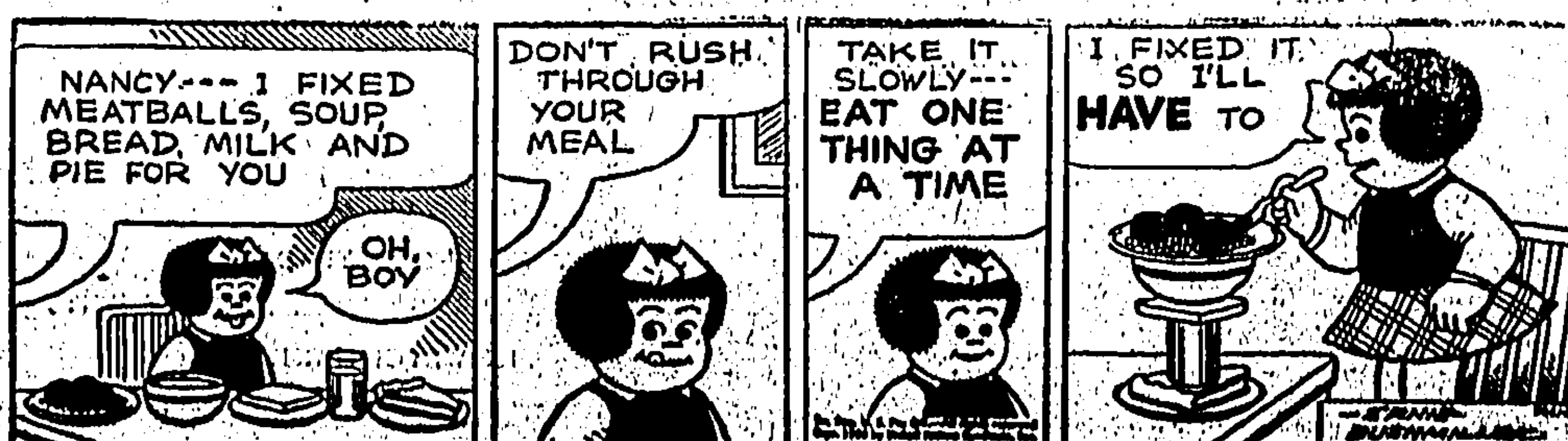


BELOW: A close-up of Prince Philip waving from his car as he left the Mansion House after the official luncheon given him by the Lord Mayor. (Express)



NANCY

By Ernie Bushmiller



ATOMS "safe for oysters safe for ...you"

by
NORMAN KING

WHEN Britain's Queen opened Calder Hall nuclear power station in Cumberland in October of last year, it was indeed an historic occasion. But nobody pretended that the electric power from Calder's first reactor was any more than a token quantity.

Already, however, plans were pretty well finalised for atomic stations comparable in output with all but the last and biggest conventional power stations. An example is the atomic station now being built at Bradwell, Essex, in the south of England.

Two reactors at Bradwell will provide an output equal to all eight reactors of the British Atomic Energy Authority's stations at Calder Hall in the north of England and (Chapel Cross in Scotland).

Sir Claude Gibb, chairman and managing director of The Nuclear Power Plant Company, Ltd., which is building Bradwell, has used the phrase "and without smoke" in referring to the output of atomic reactors.

Fuel Coffins

The phrase is a reminder that, despite people's natural doubts about something so new and revolutionary, nuclear power stations will prove to be less of a nuisance to local residents than coal-fired power stations.

There will be no radioactive effluent at Bradwell. Irradiated uranium rods removed from the reactors will be put into "coffins" and sent away for the extraction of plutonium.

In a lecture delivered in London a few weeks ago, Sir Claude Gibb named reliability and safety as prime essentials in the generation of power, dominating all stages of research, design, and construction.

One of the things which has been proved about the gas-cooled graphite-moderated reactor of the Calder Hall type is its inherent safety.

Automatic devices are built in to ensure that no danger can arise even in the unlikely event of simultaneous failures in different parts of the station's equipment.

So there has been no hesitation about siting a station of this type at Bradwell, only some fifty miles from the centre of London.

It is worth noting that Sir Claude in his lecture, though he had to condense the enormous field of nuclear engineering into a very limited space, still found it desirable to mention the importance of good relations with the inhabitants of areas where nuclear power stations are being built.

Hot Swim

This is a factor which is being constantly borne in mind at Bradwell, because even after they had been assured about safety the residents there still showed concern about one or two things.

One purely local concern was for the oysters of a nearby estuary.

As in the case of a coal-fired station, there will be a discharge of hot water from the condensate into the estuary—and the oyster beds are very important to the locals.

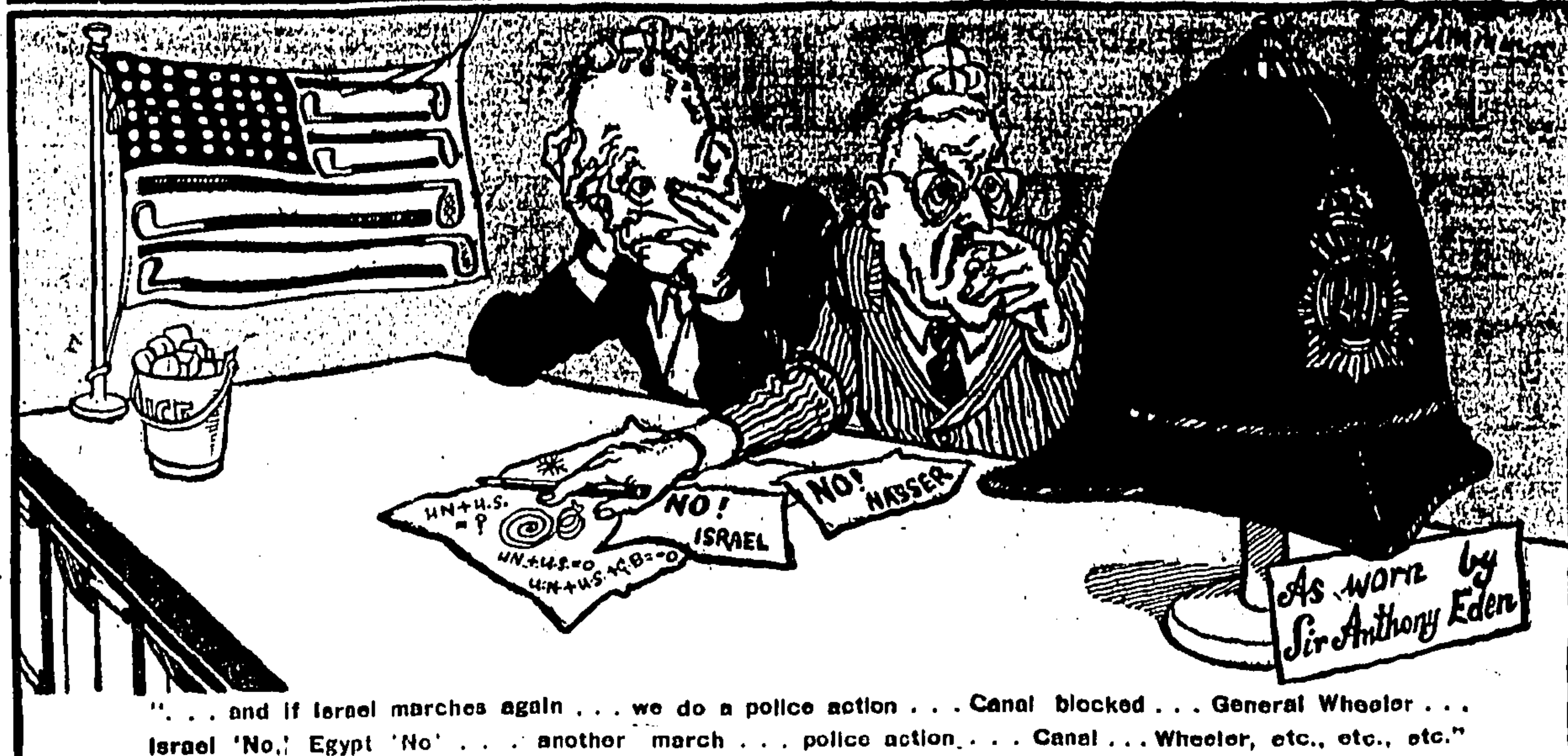
In fact, the temperature of the river water will be raised by only one or two degrees.

When the subject was raised at a recent dinner in London, Sir Claude—an Australian—said that the world's finest oysters came from Sydney, and the effect of a slight rise in temperature could only be to improve the Essex oyster into something approaching the Sydney variety!

The Nuclear Power Plant Company is in close contact with a number of overseas countries which are at present making technical and economic studies of nuclear power possibilities. The Company (which is in the forefront of the development of nuclear power for industrial purposes) and is determined to stay in the forefront is prepared to accept orders for nuclear power stations at the rate of one every six months.

As it takes about four years to build a nuclear power station, this means that work could be proceeding on as many as eight simultaneously.

THIS IS WHERE WE CAME IN . . . by Cummings



"... and if Israel marches again... we do a police action... Canal blocked... General Wheeler... Israel 'No,' Egypt 'No'... another march... police action... Canal... Wheeler, etc., etc., etc."

B. B. Idiot:

A pretty, blonde French girl, Mlle. Genevieve Rousseau, 24, nearly fainted when she opened a case addressed to her at Paris's Le Bourget airport.

For when the case—marked "The Human Dog—Handle with Care"—was opened, out crept 35-year-old BBC television "stunt" reporter Brian Johnston.

Brian, who said he was making a recording of the "impression of a travelling dog" for broadcasting, travelled in a 6 ft. by 6 ft. by 5 ft. case from London airport. His fellow travellers: Caesar, a sheepdog, Alice, a Blenheim cat, and 300 hens.

Customs inspectors and vets at London Airport were at first reluctant to clear him. But the "human dog" barked so convincingly that he was allowed through.

His food on the flight: Dog biscuits.

'I Killed... perhaps I can make up by helping to fight cancer' GAOL-BIRDS RISK LIVES TO FIND CURE

A GROUP of hardened criminals are taking part in the most astonishing medical experiment ever carried out on human guinea-pigs.

They are risking their lives for the benefit of humanity by being injected with living cancer cells.

They are allowed extra hours in bed and warders get special

orders to step softly past their cells. For these outcasts of society might hold the clue to the cure for cancer.

Specialists hope to find in these experiments what natural defence the body has against the disease, and from that develop the antidote.

So far none of the human guinea-pigs has shown any sign of developing cancer. It seems pretty certain that healthy people can reject deadly cells that are injected.

"I suppose they did it to prove to the world they weren't so bad as they were painted. Why not ask them?"

I questioned more than half of the 53 as they rolled down their sleeves. None has even bothered to write home to tell his wife about it.

Said one: "I've never done a good turn to anyone in my life. I can't do much behind these walls. This was a real chance for me."

Said another: "For years I've

By William Foster—New York

I winced as I watched the hypodermic containing cancer cells that had already killed patients plunged into the arms of these criminals.

They were so unconcerned they might have been queuing up for their Saturday-night movie.

Why did they volunteer? The cancer research doctor from New York didn't quite know.

"We asked for only 25 volunteers but 150 applied. We didn't want to disappoint so many so we chose 53."

been afraid of getting cancer. Seems silly I should be going out of my way to get it now."

Said a 42-year-old pick-pocket: "Curiosity, I suppose. Anyway, why shouldn't we think of humanity the same as other folks?"

Only one answer saddened me. It came from a 30-year-old ex-paratrooper with four bronze stars.

"I want to die," he told me. "It's the only way I'm going to get out of here. Perhaps it will along—you see I murdered someone."

WHEN YOU LEARN TO LAUGH AGAIN...

I DID not think I had come to Poland to rock around the clock and pick Miss Sen Coast out of 16 almost bare, bosomy Baltic beauties, with a Politburo man and a First Provincial Party secretary as my hosts.

But it happened one night here. All because they said that my caution in not speaking to strangers in public and tearing up bits of paper was making me behave like "a pre-October Pole."

If there is a Pole the Pole hates now it is that kind—this unthoughtful, pre-Gomulka type.

The 260-mile strip of Polish coastline from East Germany to the Russian border is Poland's only frontier to the free world.

But 60,000 foreign seamen a year through its two ports of Gdynia and Gdansk (Danzin) did not know it much before October.

I picked this coast as the thaw thermometer for Poland outside Warsaw, and the quicksilver in that thermometer was that night's show.

The shipworkers' own stadium holds 3,000 with standing room. There were 4,000 tickets sold last night for a hysterical variety show and the "Miss Sen Coast" competition. Masses of loud-

speakers blared an American rock 'n' roll music.

The hysterical humour was hardly up to Crazy Gang standard. In fact, it was only funny for people who have not been free to laugh at themselves for more than 10 years. The sketches were short, sharp, black-out pieces with dialogues like this—

"You know what B u l g a r i n and Krushchev said to me a lenkov?"

"When he came back from London?" "It's all right, Georgi, you can stop grinning. And so on..."

No, not funny to you or me, but breath-taking, exciting, uproarious to those who had not been able to pull their own legs for years.

For the beauty election you could substitute any scene from Blackpool, Caxton, South-end-on-Sea, or Brighton. Girls bulged, blushing all over, out of the scantiest of bathing suits.

They fainted and wept in good old Western democratic style as they won and lost—were whistled or booed—spotted or flowered.

There was even the one who

SYDNEY SMITH

'Drug Yourself' Kit For Troops

By CHAPMAN PINCHER

PLANS to let combat soldiers inject themselves with a dangerous dose of the drug belladonna are being worked out by the War Office.

Army scientists have decided that this is the only way troops can be protected against the latest poison gases.

Tests on volunteers at the Chemical Defence Station at Porton on Salisbury Plain have proved that belladonna—or atropine as the doctors call it—is an effective antidote to "nerve gases" which are absorbed through the skin and paralyse the nervous system.

But it has to be given so quickly after a gas attack that each soldier will have to inject himself.

Troops will therefore be issued with injectors

E.O.K.A. Power in Cyprus

PEOPLE in the British Commonwealth may be thinking how well the news from Cyprus is reading these days. Almost daily, security forces are flushing out unshaven and sullen E. O. K. A. terrorists from their hides and caves.

Caches of terrorist arms and explosives are constantly being uncovered. Captured terrorists, facing execution under the emergency regulations, are talking freely, desperately trying to save their skins by informing on their comrades.

British police officers here describe this process as "singing." The "singers" they call E.O.K.A.ies, or even "Grivas Rocky Mountainers." Naturally enough, optimism and confidence are more evident in the ranks of the security forces than at any time since E.O.K.A. first struck nearly two years ago.

Thus I have heard claims that successes have variously "decayed," "chopped off E.O.K.A.'s head," "disrupted E.O.K.A.," and so on.

I consider such claims to be justified where they involve E.O.K.A.'s mobilised strength. That is the relatively hard-core of leaders, planners, instructors and executioners who are, as it were, on active service, away from their homes, doing no other job.

A soldier would be out of action for hours, because the drug blurs the vision, slows up the heart rate, and interferes with breathing.

"A large proportion of the men may collapse and the military efficiency of the remainder may be negligible, especially in hot conditions," Dr. Harry Cullumline, one of the chief Porton scientists, has warned the Royal Army Medical Corps.

"But that is preferable to death from nerve-gas poisoning."

Nerve gases were first discovered by the Germans during the war. They were stockpiled in bombs and shells but never used.

Belladonna is extracted from the leaves of the deadly nightshade plant which grows wild in Britain.

FROM
J. L. HAYS
NICOSIA

core of terrorists of whom the Greek, Colonel Grivas, remains the chilly and murderous heart. It is nothing less, in fact, than an island-wide conspiracy of hostility towards British policy in Cyprus.

Consider these facts—remembering that the Greek-Cypriot population of this tiny island (140 miles long, 60 miles at its broadest point) totals between 400,000 and 450,000.

With Greek-Cypriots inclining towards big families, a very full estimate of the male population "between" the ages of fifteen and forty is 150,000. Out of this group about 1,000 are already being detained. Some 250 hundred of them are in camps—as suspects under the emergency regulations. The rest have either been sent to prison or are under interrogation.

From thirty-nine mountain villages a few days ago the authorities produced 188 men whom they claimed to be leaders or members of village gangs.

They are all being kept in all classes of the population. Policemen, lawyers, newspapermen and merchants are being picked up.

Then, among the arms and explosives captured from the terrorists since the emergency laws were passed, there are 250 rifles and revolvers, 600 shotguns, 50 sub-machine-guns and vast quantities of explosive and home-

made bombs including 4,000 sticks of dynamite. These are not figures representative of a small criminal group working among a predominantly law-abiding community.

Cyprus is traditionally known as "the island without secrets." In my own experience (I have lived here off and on since 1948) it is impossible to say, to sell a car without the price being known throughout the village in which I live in a matter of hours. The Cypriots—Greek and Turkish—are in fact inveterate gossips and busybodies.

So it is inconceivable to me, anyway, that operations involving such large numbers of men and such large quantities of weapons and explosives can be organised outside the knowledge of a very high proportion of the Greek-Cypriot community.

MASS REFUSAL

There are, however, three characteristics, to this conspiracy which I hasten to make clear.

1. Intimidation by the hard-core terrorists is prominent—but not decisive—as a factor in its maintenance.

2. The decisive factor is a general and simple hostility towards British policy.

3. That hostility rarely reaches the pitch of active terrorism. What it boils down to at present is a mass refusal to assist the forces of law and order.

A mass reluctance to consider British proposals for self-government. A mass sympathy for the captives, the Greek-Cypriots call "our poor young lions of the mountains," and whom the British call "murderers" and "thugs."

That is at present. What of the future?

Perhaps the most sinister fact is that the conspiracy is the entire Greek-Cypriot school population—the terrorists' most fertile recruiting-ground.

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THE QUEEN TRIED TO HELP —BUT EILEEN PARKER SHRANK FROM THE PALACE PARTIES

TROON... that little Ayrshire town still pays more surtax than any other part of Britain, saving only Mayfair. And it was there that Michael Parker, the young naval officer from the suburbs of Melbourne, met the heiress he was to marry.

Eileen Allan was the daughter of the head of a rope firm. He was a man of considerable means. She was pretty, good humoured, and—like so many Scottish girls of her class—a good golfer.

Term time she spent at Calder Girls' School in Cumberland. And each holiday she came home to one of the biggest houses on the expensive South Beach, the place where every good Scotsman hopes to live after he has made his fortune.

And life was gay for her, not in the brittle fashion it is for so many of the debutantes down South, where behind the facade there is a frowning father totting up the bills.

Victorian happiness

IT was happiness based on the firm rocks of a substantiality that was almost Victorian. Then came the war. And Eileen, her school days ended, settled down to a much changed Troon. The bridge parties had gone under cover, even the scent of Havana cigars was rarer on the evening air.

The great houses of South Beach were commandeered, and those local boys who were still at home were overshadowed by the cheerful young naval officers who filled the town.

Troon had become a repair and maintenance base. The yachts had gone from the harbour. Overworked naval escort ships took their place. The Allans moved out of Windygates, their big house, and took a flat in town.

It was almost inevitable that Eileen should get caught up with the atmosphere of rather feverish gaiety that the Navy had brought to Troon. Like so many of her friends she joined the Wrens and went to work at the signals office.

Michael Parker first met Eileen when the battered destroyer in which he was serving put in for repairs. He was bluff, he was hearty, he made Eileen Allan laugh.

There was nothing of the naive stranger about Michael Parker. He was very much at

by
Robert Glenton

home in Britain—in fact he just missed being born here. From 1701 his family home was a mellowed house in the village of Upton Cheyney, almost exactly halfway between Bath and Bristol.

Parker's father—now 78—was the son of Charles Joseph Parker, one time canon of Gloucester Cathedral and principal of the theological college there. He had settled in Australia after he had been invalided out of the Navy and just before Michael was born. He started to grow apricots and oranges in the sunshine until the Australian Navy started to expand and he was welcomed into that service.

No, Michael Parker was far from being a wide-eyed visitor from the other side of the world.

One day in the autumn of 1942 he asked Eileen for a date.

No one remembers all the dating that went on at that naval base. There were 600 Wrens, and young sub-lieutenants and lieutenants came and went with remarkable rapidity.

But everyone recalls the courtship of Eileen Allan and Parker. They seemed inseparable. There was hardly a ship's party they missed. And Parker, 12,000 miles from home, had his first introduction to the wealthy folk of Troon.

Engaged

VERY soon afterwards Eileen was wearing an engagement ring... a blue sapphire, surrounded by diamonds. Mike Parker had proposed and there was one Wren in that signals office who sang at her work.

★ A remarkable young man, Michael Parker. His closest friend marries a Princess who is to be Queen. He is called to serve them.

What was the impact of that call on him—and his war-time marriage to a wealthy Scotsman's daughter? This analysis sets out to find the answer...

There were almost as many marriages as there were dates in Troon at that time, but people still talk of Eileen Allan's wedding. Millionaires and sailors rubbed shoulders at the ceremony at St Ninian's Episcopal Church. And outside there were raised swords and a guard of honour.

What a match it was! He was handsome, assured, without any money it is true, but with all the evidence of being a man who knew where he was going... and enough ambition to go far.

Eileen was attractive, educated, and she had the money to sponsor her husband's hopes.

No wonder their eyes shone bright that day.

The depth of Michael Parker's emotions can be clearly illustrated. He was a Roman Catholic with a very devout background.

His first school was a convent in Melbourne. After that he was educated at Xavier Roman Catholic College, the Australian equivalent of Downside. He renounced his faith to be married outside his own Church.

After the honeymoon the marriage took its normal war-time pattern. Parker was away at sea, and he appeared in Troon only on leave.

The Navy was the young lieutenant's life. And entirely accidentally it was to mould his future. Doing just the same hardworking, thankless but proud job in a sister ship was the blond-haired Prince Philip of Greece. They met. They fused in an eruption of high spirits and explosive humour.

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The Michael Parker story

PART TWO



famous and entertaining people in the land.

He was flowering. In the warm company of the illustrious and the great, he found a new vocation.

There was a new confidence, a new security. No longer was it a question of his being a success in his wife's family business. Michael Parker was creating a new career for himself.

Where would it lead? Obviously it was impossible to be the Duke's shadow for all his life but there were wider fields and even brighter prospects.

As Michael Parker settled down he brought efficiency to the Duke's affairs and laughter into the Household.

There are many stories to be told.

Sometimes people he met on royal tours would write to him and he was often strangely addressed. On his desk one day was a letter to "Commander Parker, Royal Seal, Buckingham Palace."

This was too much for him. He rapidly went to the door of the Duke's room and made bawling noises like a seal.

A quiet voice called "Please do come in." He pushed the

staff soon got used to these expeditions.

"Murgatroyd and Winterbottom," they would say, "have popped out for a stroll." This became a catchphrase, and soon Philip began to announce that "Murgatroyd and Winterbottom don't agree with that" or.... "Murgatroyd and Winterbottom think differently."

Parker himself was appreciating the importance of his job. He was fond of using the royal "We." He often carried a bulging briefcase with a royal monogram. Even when he recently flew home after his resignation that briefcase was

The King's Rebuke Stops The Sliding On Palace Rugs

There were dreams that Michael Parker might even have become a leading diplomat of his own rapidly flourishing country—Australia.

His brother Peter has shown what the Parkers can do in that direction. Awarded the D.F.C. for sinking a Japanese cruiser with his bomber squadron, he is now the Australian Air Attache in Washington.

Caught

LIFE for Parker was shining with promise.

Once he got over his nervousness of meeting folk with titles he found his job exhilarating. He could employ his undoubted flair for administration and at the same time indulge his bolshoi sense of humour without any fear of arown from a board of directors.

Not that he always escaped unscathed.

He and the Duke spent much time keeping on rugs and sliding down the highly polished Palace corridors. This went on until one day they crashed into the door of the King's study.

For this they were sternly rebuked.

Normally the late King quitted the Duke's new aide.

When Parker first arrived at the Palace he frequently got lost in a maze of passages. One day the King found him groping his way around and said, "I thought you Australians were used to the wide open spaces."

door open, and was startled to find a laughing Queen sitting there. He hastily explained "I was only being the Royal Seal."

Locked in

ON another occasion the Duke and Parker went swimming in the Palace pool after a late dinner, at which there had been many speeches.

The servant in charge, never dreaming that anyone would be using the pool so late, locked up as usual before going to bed.

They had a lot of trouble getting out. As the Duke said afterwards, "It is lucky Mike has such a robust yell."

Parker's sense of humour encompassed the Palace staff. If Parker was finding a new postcard to one of his friends, it showed a collection of Africans running. On the back Michael Parker had written, "They've just seen Colville."

Commander Richard Colville is the Palace Emergency officer.

If Parker was finding a new frock with the Duke, he was also learning rapidly a new way of life... a life he had never known.

Under his wing

THE Duke took him completely under his wing. He introduced him to all his friends. And sometimes at night the pair would slip out of the Palace for an evening with other acquaintances. The royal

still with him. All the time he worked with the energy of two men. Like for the Duke ran easily, and without fuss. And above all he was not dependent upon some austere royal servant, but upon a man who was a real friend, with whom he had shared the war.

Because of that there was perhaps more familiarity than other courtiers were used to.

Hit for six

WHEN the Duke fancied himself as a spin bowler then Mike Parker was wicket-keeper and at one country house match Philip said between overs: "Just watch... my first ball will shatter this chap's wicket like a bomb."

It was smartly hooked for six.

Cried Parker: "Didn't you forget to take the pin out of that bomb?"

This cheerful relationship between servant and master goes back a long way. It existed long before Parker was employed at the Palace.

Even when they were on leave together in Australia during the war it was there. The Australians were looking for the bearded Prince Philip of Greece. They found him at a race-course and asked him to identify himself.

Philip said: "No, I'm not the man you want but I can point him out to you." And he set them on to Michael Parker, (Contd. on Page 7, Col. 1).



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"To Celebrating—£600,000" In This Week's NEW DOMINION

PETER BURGOWNE

WHEN the wind rises to a gale in Accra the king cranes on the ramparts of the old fort above the town, fold their wings and ride out the storm, precariously on one leg.

A different kind of tempest disturbed their midnight sleep on March 5—a gale of jubilant voices hailing the emergence of Ghana, a new nation within the Commonwealth.

For as the clocks of Accra struck midnight on March 5 the Gold Coast ceased to be. It became Ghana, taking its name from an ancient African kingdom.

And as the chimes of midnight struck, they released a head of emotional steam built up by £600,000 worth of independence celebrations which climaxed in this one ecstatic moment.

There were no half measures about Ghana's acclaim of independence. The night skies exploded with £20,000 worth of fireworks. Towns and villages were festooned with £41,000 worth of decorations and flags, among them, and in the place of honour, the new red, gold and green standard of Ghana.

Accra's normal population of 136,000 was doubled as country-folk trekked into the city to join the official guests—diplomatic representatives from all over the world.

Every square inch of accommodation was taken from the air-conditioned suites of the ultra-modern £750,000 Ambassador Hotel to the humblest lodging house in streets where the smells of dried fish and antique drains battle on for supremacy, just as they did before.

But many out-of-town folk brought their own "accommodation" with them, sleeping wherever they could find a space. With their tremendous capacity for enjoying a party, the biggest, most dazzling party West Africa has ever seen, New Ghanaians did little sleeping.

High Life

Accra's smoother night-spots, places with exotic names like the "Week-end in Havana", the "Lido" and the "Paramount", and the smoky, garish dance halls—all were crammed. But wherever they were, New Ghanaians were listening to the hypnotic beat of "High Life".

"High Life" is the calypso of West Africa, and the "High Life" men are a cross between the traditional jazz musicians of New Orleans and the calypsonians of the West Indies.

But there was a dignified side to the celebrations, too. As

well as letting its hair down, Ghana wanted to show it could cope with the problems of protocol involved in having the world's diplomatic representatives in its parlour.

The Duchess of Kent, there as official representative of the Queen was there, and Mr R. A. Butler representing the United Kingdom Government. So, as well as "letting their hair down," Ghanaians also "rolled up their sleeves" to make as impressive as possible the state opening of the Ghana parliament, a ceremonial meeting of traditional rulers, a convocation of the University College, and a string of formal receptions.

Happy Days

Sports days have been organised for the young, and the Government of Ghana has voted £1,000 for prizes. Another £7,000 is being spent on "cultural" entertainments and dancing, and £2,000 for gifts and "special diet" for hospital patients.

An additional £10,000 was earmarked for the purpose of seeing that Ghana gets a good press, to be spent on accommodation and transport for visiting reporters and cameramen. Several hundreds of them covered the independence celebrations for newspapers, magazines, radio, TV and newsreel companies. What they saw was a scene, unrepeatable, unforgettable—a scene of every colour under the sun in brilliant sunsoaked splendour.

Among the gay, highly-coloured crowds were one group of men with a very special interest in the celebrations—traders from the great West African colony of Nigeria. For when the celebrations were a tantalising foretaste of the party their own country will throw when, in the near future, it follows Ghana into the line out of the Queen's Sovereign Dominions.



"She says someone has already called and asked them to join the Doctors' Strike. They had him for lunch."

All in a doctor's day: by GEDRIC CARNE

LET'S face it. Everybody's afraid of something.

Some are scared of loneliness, others merely of spiders or the neighbour's Alsatian dog. Only Lord Nelson and heroes like that are purported never to have known what fear means.

A high proportion of the population focus their worries on the left side of their chests.

Mr Walter, like so many others, was anxious because he had had heart palpitations. That is to say, he was as conscious of his heartbeat as another man might be of a natural blonde with unnatural measurements.

People who have palpitations describe their symptoms in various ways. Some talk of a "bumping" sensation, others about a "fluttering" or "throbbing" of the heart.

"Well," Mr Walters complained, "I'm certainly aware from time to time of my heart rockin' 'n' rollin'."

Palpitation is a symptom which is dependent upon the sensitivity of the nervous system. That is why X can have a rapid, irregular beating heart and be quite unconscious of it—and Y, with no abnormality of heart rhythm at all, goes around as if he had a stethoscope always in his ears.

"So it doesn't follow that there is anything wrong with my old ticker?" Mr Walters asked.

"Correct," I answered.

WHEN YOUR HEART GOES BUMP, BUMP, BUMP

People should know that, as a symptom of heart disease, palpitation, in itself, is of no significance at all. Palpitations after exercise can be ignored. "Sometimes, though, I become conscious of my heart racing fast when I'm just sitting down, especially at night," Mr Walters said doubtfully.

There are all kinds of physiological reasons why the heart should beat fast apart from exercise. Emotions like excitement or anxiety may make the heart spurt in a finely strung person, as if a gun had been fired at the start of a race.

Again, when a patient has a temperature the heart tends to tick over quicker than usual.

Others can't drink tea or coffee late at night, because if they do they'll be counting heartbeats instead of sheep when they go to bed.

"But these people have sound hearts," I emphasised.

Mr Walters was not entirely reassured, even after I had examined him. He wanted me to arrange for him to have an "electro-what's-its-name," as he called it. But I refused to have an electrocardiogram done.

"Wouldn't a tracing of my heart's rhythm be of value in diagnosis?" he persisted.

I knew that his electrocardiogram would be normal. I was upset when my fiancée wasn't even prepared to call in another doctor for a second opinion. For people who are too "heart-conscious" are not benefited by such measures.

It seems, unfortunately, that frequent reference to hospitals and specialists for investigations such as X-rays and electro-

cardiograms may perpetuate rather than relieve their symptoms.

"Some people have that kind of personality," I continued. "It's nothing to be ashamed of, but it just works out that way. What is required is the right attitude of mind. The mind's rhythm and the heart's rhythm are closely connected."

But he didn't feel he had any wrong attitudes. "Of course I was upset when my fiancée broke off our engagement a few months back," he said thoughtfully, "but surely that couldn't be responsible for this?" And he pointed to the left side of his chest.

"Oh yes," I nodded, "you might say that it was an Affair of the Heart."

The big man in a little land..



BEN-GURION As Cummings sees him.

WHERE WILL PARKER GO NOW?

(Continued from Page 6) who was also rather whiskey at that time. Philip had a biliously quiet day while Parker basked in the spotlight. As the years have gone by the Duke has left his responsibility more and more, and growing up with him has been Parker.

And now the ex-royal servant presents a most interesting study of a man who in 30 years has started down so many different paths.

From the quiet of his Australian home, the Navy took him. From the Navy he found himself in that four-square feet-on-the-ground prosperity of a successful, unpretentious Scottish family. And from there, for nine years he has tasted the pleasures of royal living with its priorities, its excitements, and its responsibilities.

Schoolboy

HOW has it all left him? The years have not made him an intellectual. He takes little interest in art, literature or music. Serious plays bore him. Novels usually remain unread. He likes the easy laughter of the variety theatre and the excited confusion of the film premiere.

There is still a lot of the schoolboy left in him... the schoolboy who once put a fire-cracker under the gartered legs of a prelate when he was about to speak at a school prize day, hauled before the magistrates for unseemly behaviour at a ball in Bath.

He has a dislike of the Press and the effeminate. He has developed an extravagant taste for parties and high living. Scarcely, Continental cooking and champagne are all very much to his taste.

He has cultivated a charming, easy manner and a polite laugh. He is a good host and most women like him.

But his success is with men. To them he is always half-fellow-well-met. He has a great desire to be thought well of and most people who meet him grant his wish.

'The admiral'

LIKE the Duke he is fascinated by the cloths and eccentricities of the world. He has learned to discard the mundane and look for the original.

If he goes back into business he will be a formidable rival for any competitor.

Parker is quick to detect the spurious and though he may accept it, he soon makes clear that he has not been taken in. He has very few real friends. Uffa Fox is a hero. Baron was his confidant. He has an unbounded admiration for Lord Mountbatten and always called him "the Admiral." This respect he shares with the Duke of Edinburgh.

As the years of royal service went by he mentioned more and more that he was very tense and couldn't sleep.

His affection for his children was very great. He was always talking about them at the

Palace and daughter Julie's photograph was on his desk. He liked to show them off to his guests at home. So much so that Julie once murmured: "Daddy does fuss so. Why does he?"

He dresses conservatively. Even on the not very grandiose salary he was paid at the Palace he managed to afford the Duke's tailor, Michael Parker's only concession to sartorial flamboyance is the lead red-check lumber jacket which is always in the back of his car. He got that on the royal tour of Canada.

He still has not lost his rum-bustious sense of fun. He is quite capable of repeating that performance of one foggy night when he drove a carload of passengers to his Buckingham Palace and to his home—almost entirely by compass. His passengers were alarmed, the fog was thick and Parker was lost. He suddenly stopped the car, snatched a globe of the world from the back and said to the first passer-by: "Just point out roughly where we are."

Where does he go now? Parker still has the affection of our royalty. It was the Duke who did his best to smooth the way for his friend in his present trouble.

What references has he got? The folk in Troon say: "He was an ordinary honest-to-God young man like all the other young men who came here during the war. He is only remembered for having married Eileen."

Those at the Palace will talk readily of his good companionship, his hard work, his boundless energy, and the way he

smoothed the path for the Duke in every possible way.

But the best reference of all comes from those who knew him as a Bond Street salesman. "He was remarkably quick," they told me. "Normally it takes about two years to train a salesman, but he was doing the job in half the time. He could try anybody anything. He impressed us as the sort of man who would make a success of any job."

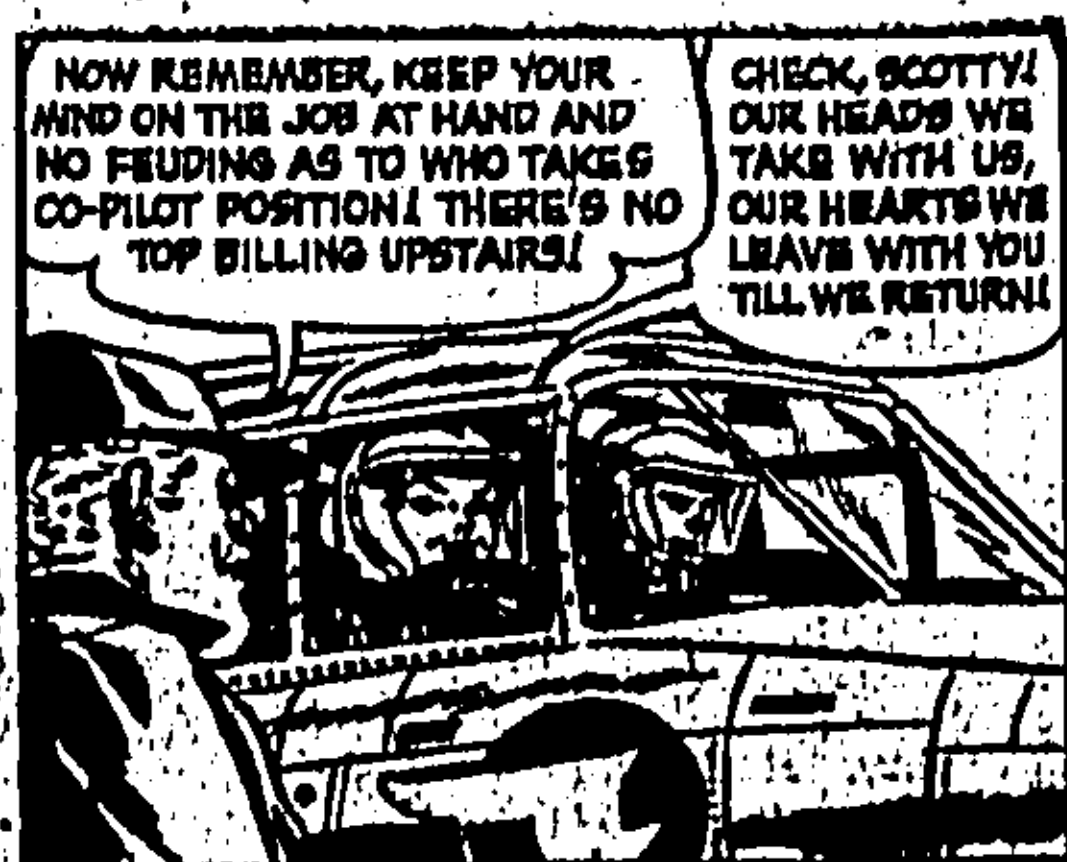
Even after he left the firm to go to the Palace he would never walk past that office without calling in to see his old colleagues. And on royal occasions, if he saw a familiar face in the crowd, he always acknowledged it.

"I remember being at a boxing match once," one man from the Bond Street office said. "Mike was in the place of honour at the ringside with the Duke of Edinburgh and I was sitting in the cheap seats. But he saw me and shouted across. During the interval he left the Duke to talk to me. You would do a lot for a man like that."

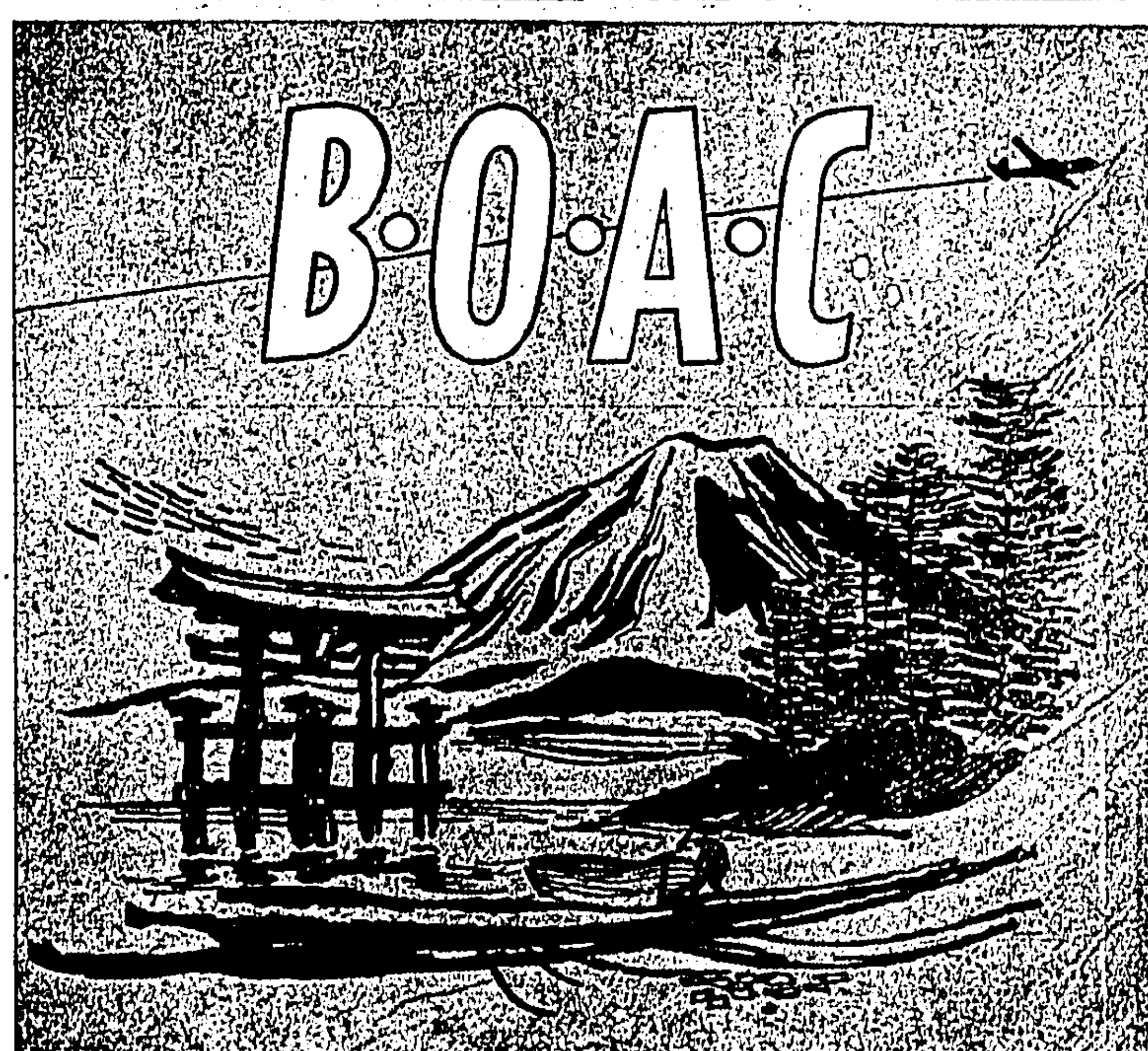
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Sophia Loren fights Alan Ladd

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LADD AND LOREN

ALAN LADD will not be making another film with Sophia Loren.

After one picture together — "Boy on a Dolphin," shot in Greece — they have decided that perhaps for them Hollywood and Rome do not mix.

These are the first "cuts" from the film to reach London, and by the time location shooting was over neither star was speaking more than was necessary to the other. Except for lines in the script, of course.

The trouble may have been just a matter of inches. Mr Ladd is a short, compact character. Miss Loren is an inch or two taller than he, and so, for scenes together on the mainland, holes had to be dug in the ground for Miss Loren to stand in.

Mr Ladd also found that Miss Loren had rather more temperament than he was used to.

And people on the spot say that when Ladd said goodbye to Loren the parting did not give either of them too much sorrow.

Hitchcock faces surgery

ALFRED HITCHCOCK, Mister Suspense of the Movies, recovering from an operation, now has gone down with an attack of jaundice. In Hollywood doctors think he may need another operation. Cost of the last one, a fortnight ago, was more than £1,000. "If they want to open me up again," says Hitch, "they'll have to wait until I've made another picture. I'm due to start one next month."

REED'S NEXT DOUBLE

SIR CAROL REED, Britain's Top director, after waiting for a year to find new stories, has "Tell it on the Drums," about a diamond mine at Nigel Balchin's "Destruction" Kimberley.

THE MILLION BOY

IT is a £1,000,000 year for LAURENCE HARVEY—starting now. His success in the bawdy stage play "The Country Wife" has triggered off a demand for Harvey which has that £1,000,000 backing him. For his new film, "The Truth About Women," he is given six leading ladies including JULIE HARRIS, French actress EDWIGE FEUILLERE, EVA GABOR, and DIANE CILENTO. Then follows a frogman film, "The Silent Enemy," and immediately afterwards a Brando-style part in "Out the Back Door." On top of everything a hit Paris play, "The Egg," has been bought for Harvey to act in London—and New York.

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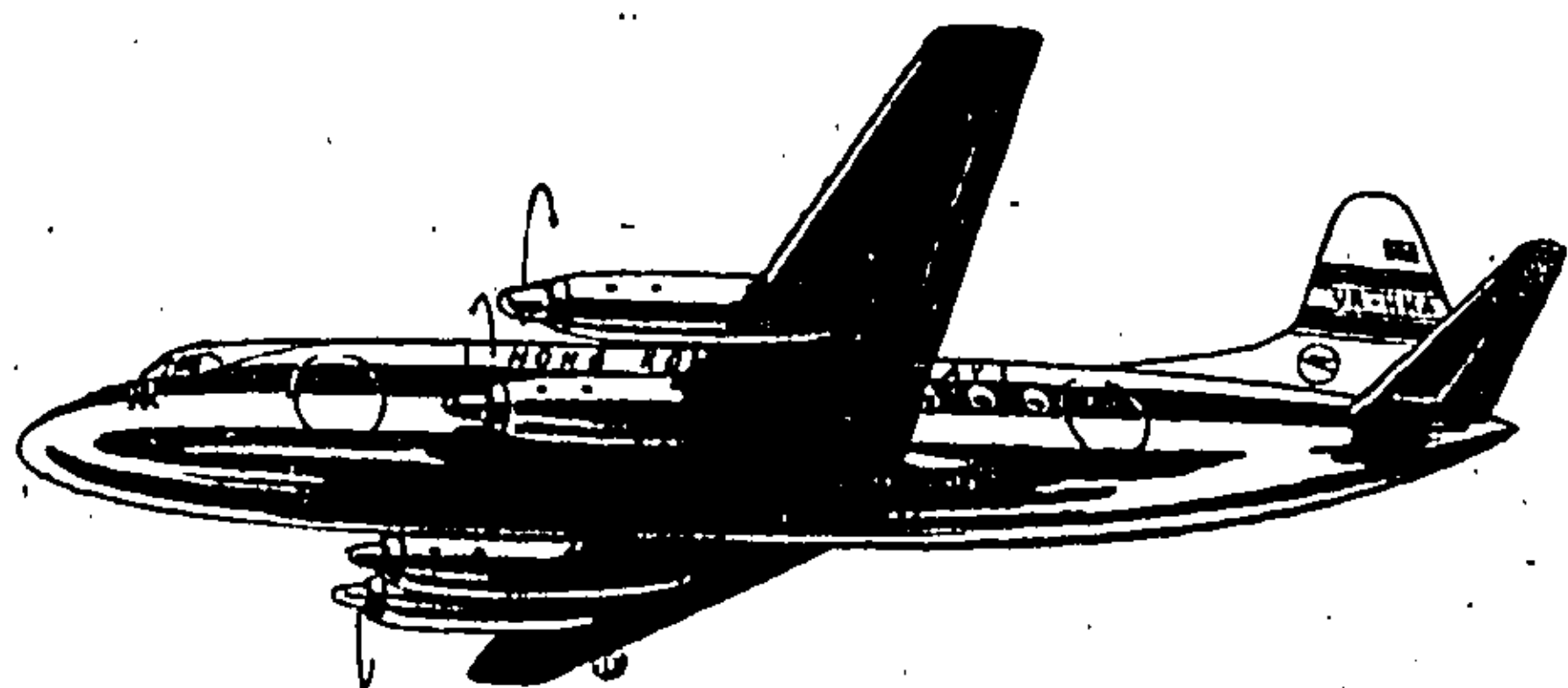
FIRST job of work for Richard Burton under his new plan of living in Switzerland for three years—so saving British income tax — started the other day. It is a film, "Bitter Victory," backed by Hollywood money to be shot on location in Libya and in South of France studios. Story is of a lost patrol in the war-time desert campaign with Burton playing a British Army officer. Under his new deal Burton would be paid for the picture in dollars.

A GAMBLE PAYS OFF

THINKING ahead and American Ray Walston playing the part in the Broadway show, Bill Kerr, the comic from Wagon Wagon, in Australia, the key part of the Devil in new musical "Damn Yankees" in the West End. Kerr decided months ago he would fly to New York at his own expense, watch who hadn't thought of going to New York first.

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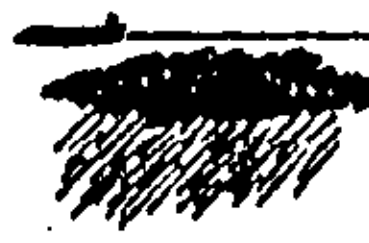
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MR. RAFT ON THE 'DOWN' PLATFORM

GEORGE RAFT sat upright in a chair in his Dorchester suite wearing only a bath towel round his middle-age spread. He looked like a well-fed, not-very-mystical, semi-Eastern mystic.

He said in his softish, carpet-lined voice: "Just been having a massage. Not sure why. Haven't been workin'." And it doesn't look as though I will be." He paused and added: "Got myself into a bit of a mess over this movie."

He was referring, of course, to the movie which he intended to make in England — but turned down last week, shortly after he arrived.

He obviously needed no encouragement to talk about it. But he is polite, unlike the characters he plays on the screen. He ordered me a drink first, but nothing for himself.

He is also tactful, unlike the characters he plays on the screen. "Don't drink. Never have, though I knew all the gangsters and bootleggers in the old days."

When I was younger I wanted to be a prize-fighter or a baseball player. I tried to keep in shape and I never got the drinkin' habit.

"Anyway, let me tell you about what happened."

"I guess you've heard all about the trouble over the script. I shouldn't have come without seeing it first."

No pay

"WHEN I arrived I discovered it wasn't even finished, though we were supposed to start in a few days. What there was of it, I didn't like."

"All round it's been a pretty bad deal for me. And expensive. Course I don't expect any salary. But the producers sent me a bill for the plane fare — £480. And even a bill for £24 and a bit for bringing my case from the airport."

"I don't mind paying. But they sent it round by special messenger as though they thought I was going to beat it."

"That hurt. That really hurt."

He didn't, fortunately, try to dramatise the point, by phoning a histrionic hand over his heart. "I hurt easy, you know. I'm super-sensitive."

"This is a cruel business if you're sensitive. And Hollywood's a cruel place. The moment you slip nobody wants to know you."

He stood up and padded across the room, looking fairly dignified. Not easy when you're only wearing a bath towel and slippers. And when you're a 61-year-old slipped star philosopher about the slip.

"I'm not bitter about it. What

LOGAN GOURLAY learns what a sensitive tough guy feels when he thinks that he is slipping



GEORGE RAFT

goes up must come down.

"I don't blame anyone except myself. And Lady Luck."

"MAYBE I should've cultivated the big producers more. Maybe I shouldn't have played opposite unknown leading ladies. I gave a lot of them their first chance. Ava Gardner, for instance, in Whistle Stop. Some of the others never amounted to anything."

"But what the hell. They deserved a chance."

"If I hadn't got mine in Scarface I might still have been a dancer. Ninety other guys could probably have played the part as well — if not better."

"Maybe I'll get just one more break. One more good part, then I'll give it all up and die happy."

No money

"They've written my life story for a magazine. And I think it's gonna be filmed. Tony Curtis wants to play me. And there's some talk about Sinatra being interested."

"I certainly won't appear in it. I don't suppose anyone will let me, but what I'd really like to play is a priest."

There is no possibility of Raft financing his own film and creating himself a priest.

"I had tried independent production once. And lost dough. I'm not rich enough to try again."

"I used to make 100,000 dollars a picture. But I didn't

save any. And I didn't make the right investments. I once had 20 racehorses but they didn't win enough races. I opened liquor stores and night clubs that flopped."

No divorce

HOWEVER, HE needn't fear a penurious old age. He has one gilt-edged investment — a 95,000-dollar share of a gambling hotel in Las Vegas.

Contrary to Hollywood custom, he hasn't spent money on a series of costly divorces. Though 10 percent of all his income has gone to his estranged wife.

"We were married 30 years ago. We never really lived together. But for religious reasons she'd never give me a divorce."

"I went around with other women — Betty Grable and Norma Shearer. It couldn't be any more even if we were in love."

"You can't expect a dame to wait around for over."

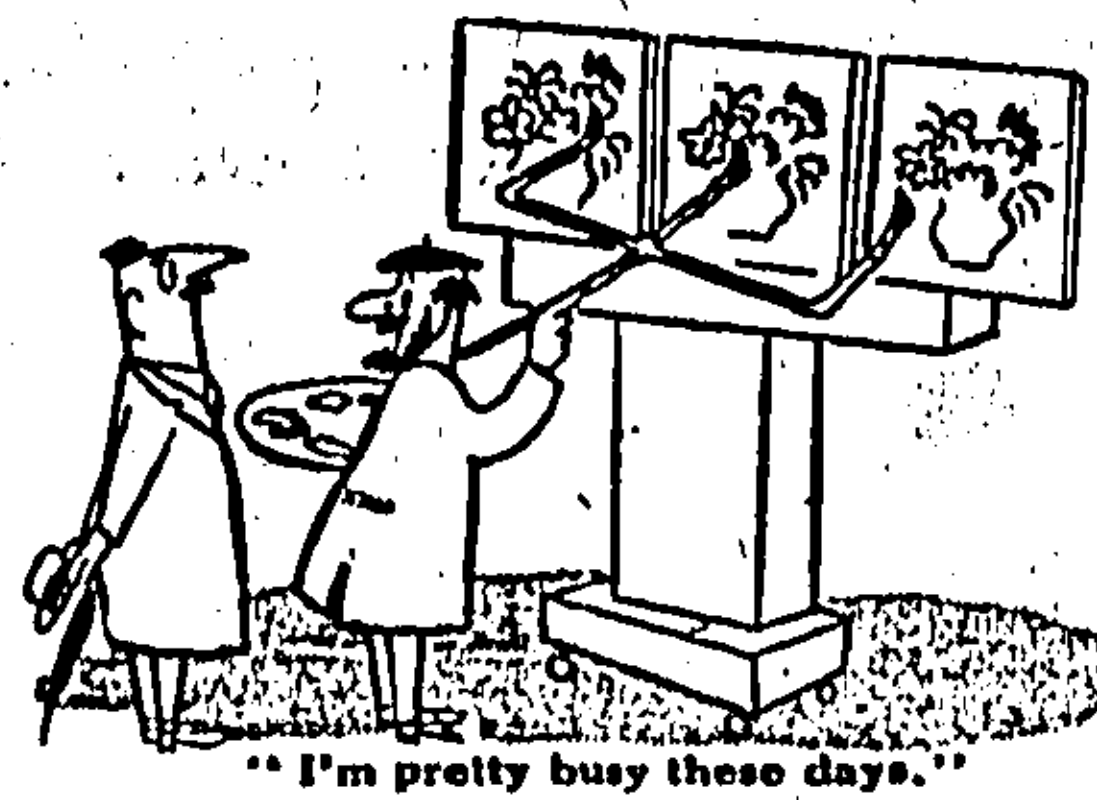
"I haven't seen my wife for 20 years. You know, I wouldn't know her if she walked into this room."

"I've no grudge against her. But I've never known happiness. Real happiness."

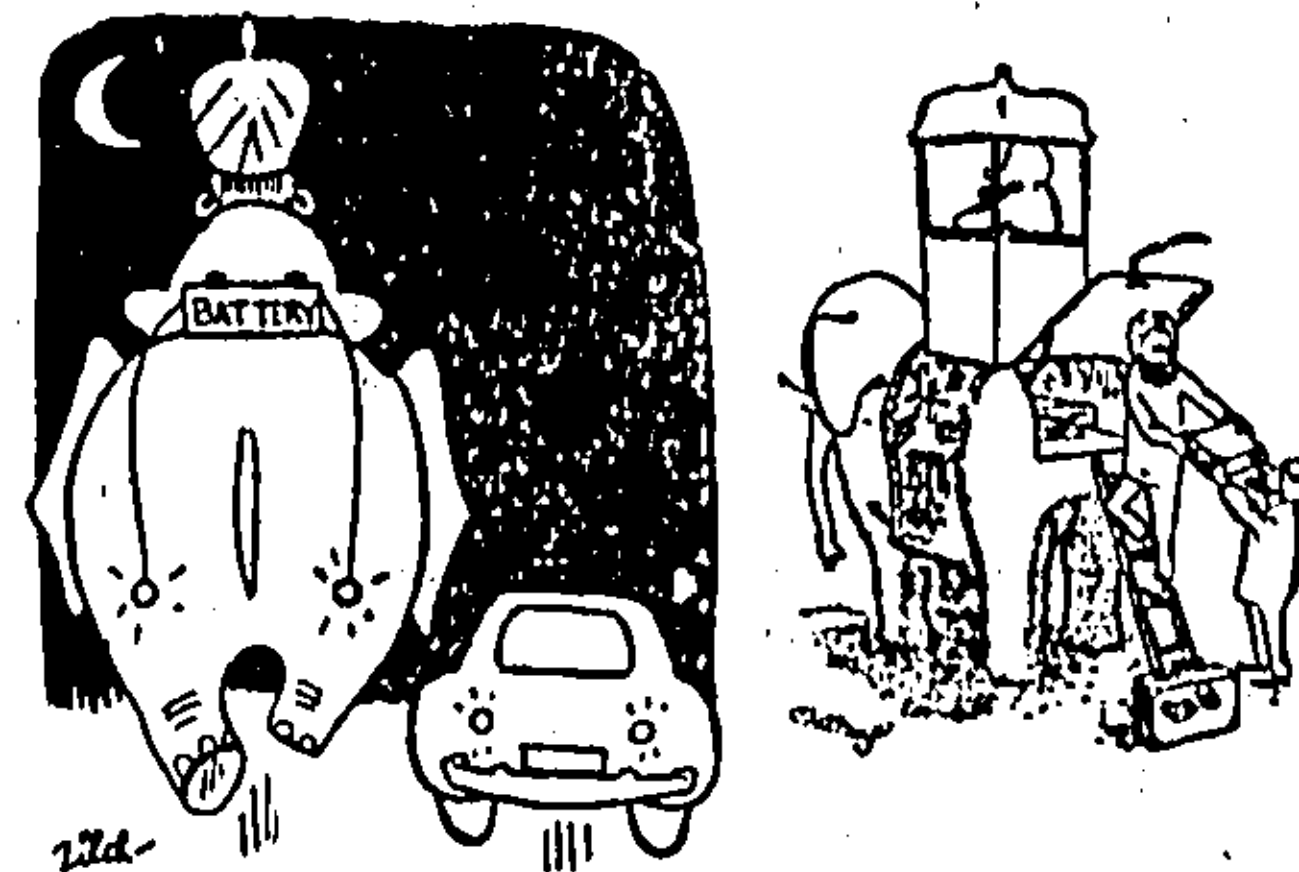
He might have been using lines from a screen romance — an inferior one — but he sounded sincere. The closing line was "I'm not lookin' for sympathy."

"I didn't offer any. He'd hate it. The little tough guy who is not tough."

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"I'm pretty busy these days."



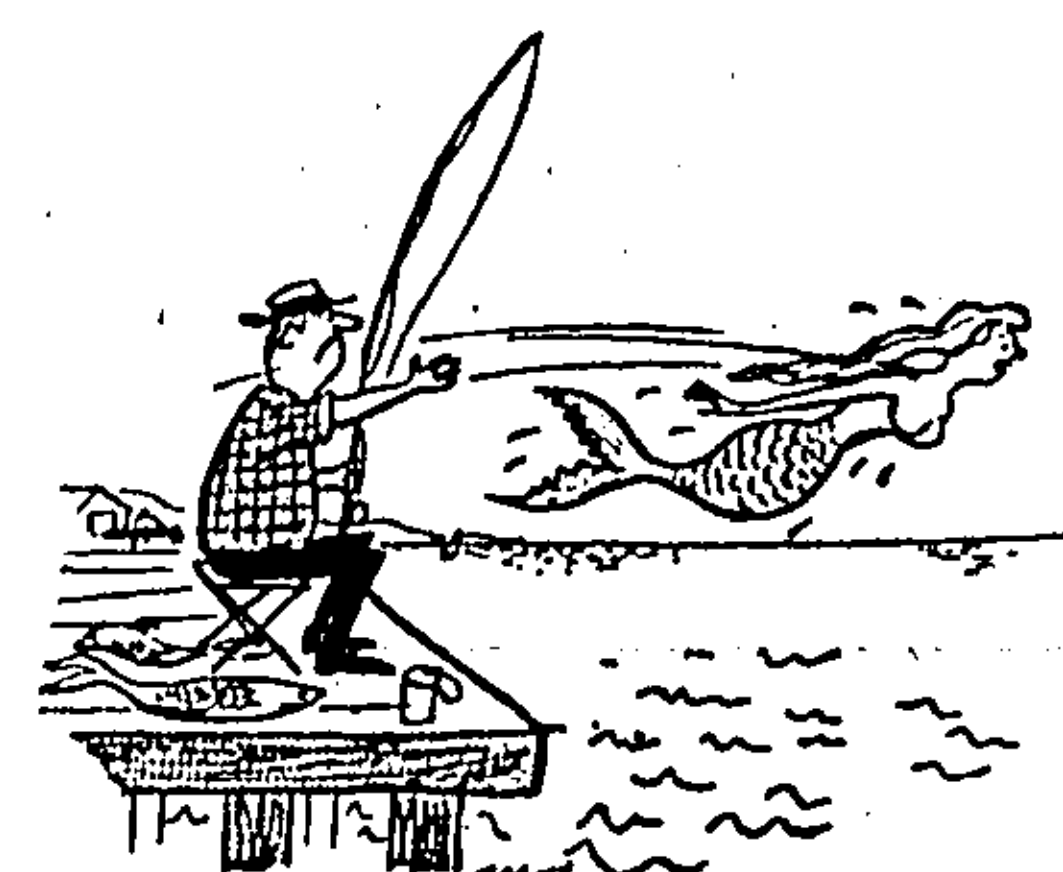
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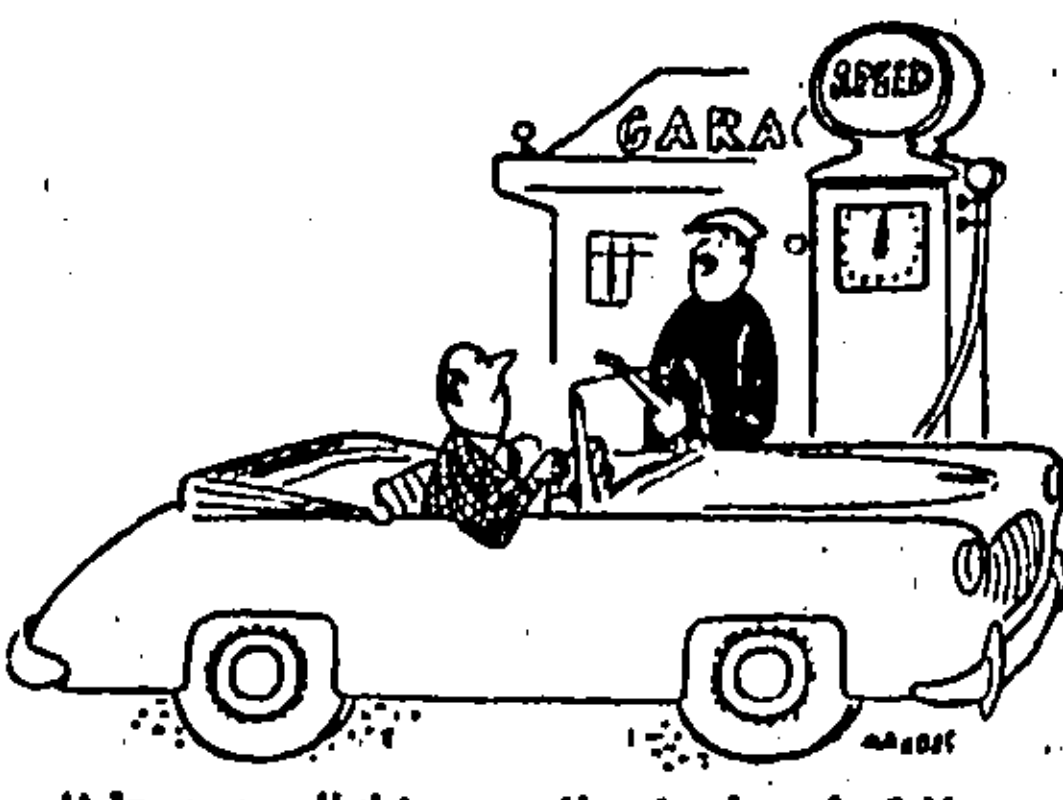
"I got tired of the old whistling kettle."



"That's what I call a salesman!"



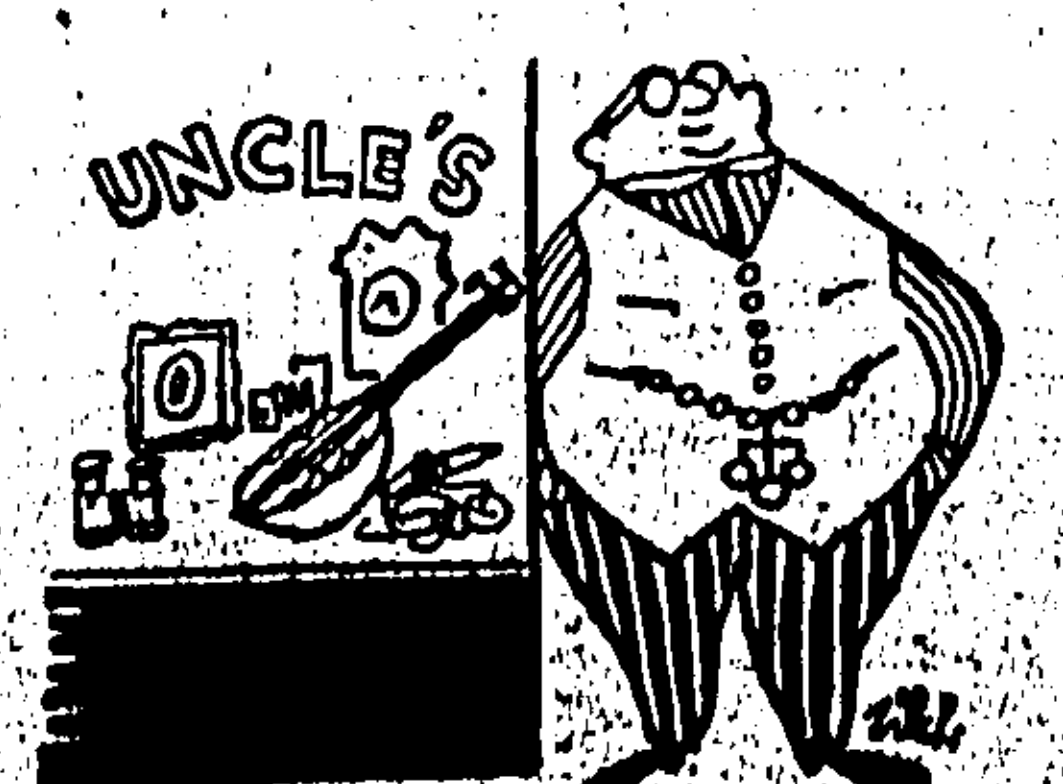
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HOW TO GET ALONG WITH YOUR HUSBAND: 3



THE OTHER WOMAN

...and YOU

KEEPING UP APPEARANCES

A MAN is more indulgent than a woman. Elizabeth knew this. Thousands of years ago. So did the great Queen Elizabeth, the lovely Jersey Lily and Mary Queen of Scots.

Every man likes to be congratulated upon the appearance of his wife and even if she is no ravishing beauty, it pays dividends to keep her appearance up to top marks.

Many books have been written on keeping up day-to-day appearances. But here is a snap guide for getting the best results, with the minimum outlay of time and money.

DO make up your face and do your hair for breakfast. Nothing makes a more depressing start for the day than a pallid face and straggly hair behind the coffee pot.

DO watch your figure and weight carefully every week. Being happily married is no excuse for a spare tyre. If you see the danger signs go on a good diet.

DO change your make-up and frock before your husband comes home. The thought of an attractive wife waiting brings many a man home on time.

DON'T make your beauty aids too obvious. Nourishing creams, cotton hand gloves, hair curlers are a daytime indulgence, NOT for the boudoir. Men appreciate the results, but get quickly disillusioned with the ways and means.

DON'T let household routine prevent regular relaxation. This is one of the most beautiful indulgences a woman can practise in her own home. Ten minutes every day, in a darkened room, flat on your back with the feet slightly raised, can do more to soothe your nerves and put the sparkle back in cheeks and eyes than any pot of cream or magic bottle.

Look at it sensibly. He will admire them, of course, he would be a pretty poor fish if he didn't. But a woman can spot a happily married man at least 10 yards away and rapidly realise he is no use to her.

Another thing. If she is smart enough to do a good job, she will be looking for something brand new of her own, not a second-hand share in your property.

So relax, there is little danger in office romances, except for the unhappy or really misunderstood.

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THE Other Woman is as big a danger as you allow her to be. To happy husbands she is no menace at all. Only the lonely man, who feels he is unloved or unappreciated, is vulnerable to her charm. Or, more often, to her sympathy. There is only one answer to this. Beat her at her own game. Do a little soul-searching yourself, then demonstrate more clearly how much you love and admire him. Few men—contrary to popular belief—are naturally promiscuous. If he gets complete fulfillment from his wife, he will have no lasting interests elsewhere.

A bigger danger, I believe, is the good female friend who has designs on your happiness, not your husband.

You know the type—the woman who is frustrated in her own marriage, and just cannot stand the sight of your peace of mind. She offers you sympathy for the difficulties of her encounter, she criticises his lack of ambition, she sows unpleasant seeds of doubt in your mind with phrases such as "We all know what men are."

This type of woman should be avoided, even if she doesn't mind baby-sitting, or makes up a good four at bridge.

Your husband should be your best friend and the sharer of your confidences. As long as he is, there is no room for mischief-making females in your life. There are exceptions, but unappreciated women rarely make true friends.

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If you are a home bird, don't waste time worrying about all the attractive women he is going to encounter at work. He will be meeting them all right, but if he loves you, there you have a happy home, there is nothing in the world to worry about.

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BY EILEEN ASCROFT

and his responsibilities and the best years of your life may weigh a little with him, but not enough. Only love can restore injured love.

Even if the cause for jealousy is very real, the situation is still often better dealt with by patience and love. Many a woman who has rushed to mother in righteous indignation has lived, in loneliness, to regret it.

A jealous disposition is quite another thing from normal jealousy. I discussed this question with Marriage Guidance Counsellor, John Wallis.



MRS. LAREMA AYERST
Try a little self-criticism

"Persistent jealousy," he warns, "can cause a lot of damage to a marriage. It must be taken seriously, and not just dismissed by a well-meaning friend, relative or neighbour saying: 'You will snap out of it.' You often don't."

"When it develops into a real problem, it is best for the husband or wife to discuss it with their family doctor or a marriage guidance counsellor." The other woman, off the cinema screen, is rarely a curvaceous blonde or a plump, necklined brunette. More often she is a quiet, unselfish type who has the gift of appreciation and gentleness. She is probably a good listener, too.

MONDAY: The Wife Behind The Man At The Top.

A HAPPINESS CODE

By LEONE KIRKWOOD

Toronto. AN outstanding woman doctor has outlined a code by which she says her sex can live reasonably happy.

Although Dr. Marion Hillard deals mostly with the sick or injured, her advice is for all women and concerns an attitude of mind rather than of health.

Basically, she says, women should always remember, whether they are married or single, that they are individuals.

AN INCIDENT She told the Interclub council for women in public affairs recently that "women should always remember that marriage is an incident in their life."

"It may engross her whole life and all her effort for a period of time," she said, "but she must also remember that she is an individual. She should never look at things through her married eyes."

Dr. Hillard, who leads Women's College Hospital in Toronto, blames the absence of interest in politics among young women to their "single-minded approach to life."

"Until a woman has finally broken down to the fact she is not going to get married, it is difficult to get her interested in the affairs of her country," she said.

"Every woman should realise that every person needs a loyalty as a person—not as a married person or a single person—but just as a person. If they have that they will not take the responsibility for their actions."

In her advice, Dr. Hillard discloses how she rose in the predominantly masculine medical world, to become a top-notch doctor.

She says women have to play the game by all the rules. They just can't play it on the top. If

Many women have been amazed to meet the quiet, unassuming second wives for whom their husbands left home. They probably (and blessedly) never realise that the representatives just those qualities for which he longed in the woman he first loved.

Not enough women really study their husbands' needs. And then supply the demands. A little quiet analysis of his temperament would smooth many a married relationship.

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Listen to what men and women with long and happy marriages themselves say about the Other Woman.

EDGAR LUSTGARTEN, author and broadcaster: "She is not a member of a race apart, but an ordinary female, swayed by the same emotions as any other. Second, she cannot become the other woman by her own will alone, but only with the active co-operation of the husband. Third, she never knows herself to be the other woman; she always thinks the Other Woman is the wife."

MRS. LAREMA AYERST, married for 20 years and a part-time voluntary social worker with the London Marriage Guidance Council: "Although the Other Woman may be a menace to a marriage, it need not necessarily be the cause of its breakdown. If this problem should arise, the situation can be saved. If the wife is clear-sighted, it is useless to put all the blame on the Other Woman—she must try a little self-criticism and ask herself why this has happened—has she failed in any way?"

MR. JOSEPH BRAYSHAW, general secretary of the Marriage Guidance Council: "The Other Woman rarely causes a marriage breakdown. More often it is a shaky or unsatisfying marriage that enables the other woman to come into the picture at all. To grow with your marriage, turn it into a partnership, and make your home a haven, is to make sure that no other woman over has a chance."

MONDAY: The Wife Behind The Man At The Top.

They want to be doctors, they have to get in there and do it every day whether they want to or not, whether the going is rough or smooth. They can't back-track.

Although they have to seek perfection, said Dr. Hillard, they must learn to settle for less if necessary if they are going to be successful in public life.

SEEK PERFECTION As Dr. Hillard says, men have to work just to earn and be employed. So they work and make mistakes and take them in their stride.

But women don't always have to work, so when difficulties do come, Dr. Hillard says they often fall down. A woman doctor can't make a mistake, and neither can a woman candidate.

Politically, she points out, they must be perfect—because if they aren't no one will vote for them.

Paris Makes Me Feel Twenty Years Younger...

Says Gwen Robyns

I'M in Paris in the full glow of being 40—but right now I feel 18 without any of the growing pains. I knew I was back in cranky, crazy, illogical Paris...

When within the first 24 hours I was invited to have an "Eskimo kiss" (it turned out to be one-third vodka and two-thirds creme de menthe and is the drink that's got Paris by the nose.)

When I heard the Frenchman in the next room, who had smiled at me rather knowingly two minutes before, shouting to his "little cabbage" (shout distance) that he couldn't be safer—"there is a fat middle-aged British woman in the next room."

Oh, the bliss of this place where you can't help feeling 120 percent woman.

Tempted

When I walked into Dior's I was tempted by a tiny frilly pillow the size of a saucer—it turned out to be for madame's elbow when she has her early morning coffee. It cost the equivalent of £10.

When I sat in Boucheron's fascinated as the handsome woman "dilly-dallied" between rubies and diamonds or just plain diamonds—as you or I might hesitate between a choice of vegetables. She was the Queen of Jordan out on a shopping spree.

By the way, what a "discuss" is going on here in the bra business. It's goodbye to the

Big Top Mansfield-Monroe types. Every dress house played down that vital statistic, and played up a provocative "derrier." Slinky tight-at-the-knee trains made big news.

But don't get the idea that this means an end to bras. Newer, softer versions doing no more than firming up the natural bosom will replace up-lifts and "falsies."

Now the shows are all over, the big let-down has set in. Five years ago I would have sold my soul to go to Paris and see those fashion shows. Just because I'm a woman. And because they were inspiring.

But now Big Business has crept in so much that only one house dared to "take its neck out" with a brand-new idea—the house of Lavin, who plumped us right into "the Teahouse of the August Moon."

Fath was sad. Dior "tsey-bitsy," Balmain pretty and safe. SHOW NOTE: You can wear your skirt any length and still be in "the swim."

Prettiest colour for summer was tangerine, safest bet the chiffon shirt-waister. Court shoes look delectable covered in a "fave print" to match a party dress.

That last year's straw pudding-basin hat can be given a fillip if worn back on the forehead with a beekeeper veil of net.

Only in Paris could you dash in for half an hour and have your hair dry-cleaned.

For the equivalent of £1 you are brushed solidly with two brushes, then sprinkled with a yellow powder. More brushing. Then cleaned with a spirit lotion. More brushing. Then fingers get.

And the biggest number of clients are men—trying to save their hair from falling out.

I fell for this

Myself, I fell for any diet I'm offered. In Paris I tossed up between being put to sleep for six days, and wakened every 24 hours to be given orange juice. They say what this treatment does to you is "nobody's business." Or taking the lidline cure.

Please don't go on with this one without checking with your doctor, but in Paris you begin with one drop in milk the first day, then work up to fifteen. Then you decrease backwards. By that time it is said that you've lost fourteen pounds.

Third cure, said to be infallible, is to make yourself a strong brew of beef tea and sip

help a cup every three hours. That is the one I'm trying! Right now, it is merely due to the British in Paris. I could have cried that I had lost my twin-set and pearls at home. These and tweed, and wool, and at, are now considered as "old" among the very smart.

At Donna Carol's Christian antique shop, where I try to find that is anyone goes to be decorated, I nearly swooned when I saw a silver foundation-stone trowel inscribed:

"Presented by the Wesleyan Chapel, Prince of Wales, London, M.G. Pearce, Easter Monday, 1872." To cut your gaiters with that piece of Victorian paper mache tray with a price tag of £45.

So now you know what to fill that extra suitcase with if you go to Paris... junk from the attic.

But don't blame me if the dealer offers you a thousand francs and then rolls at twenty-five thousand. The Parisian heart is made of steel.

Diamonds Are No Longer A Girl's Best Friend

THEY say diamonds are a girl's best friend. But today, more women than ever before are choosing the companionship of costume jewellery.

Even Mrs. Dwight D. Eisenhower frequently wears the fake. She wears specially-designed costume jewellery for both the 1953 and 1957 inaugural balls.

The costume jewellery industry naturally loves Mamie for this boost, but is making no guesses on how much it will increase sales. "Naturally, this impresses women," said Louis F. Krussman, vice-president of Trifari, the firm which made her inaugural glitter.

One manufacturer figures the housewife also should be alerted. Within a few months, his firm will introduce a line of costume jewellery in supermarket chains.

BREAD AND BUTTER Actually, costume jewellery sales have been increasing steadily since World War II, said Arthur Winslow of the American National Jewellers' Association, representing 5,000 jewellers.

The costume, or filled and novelty, jewellery has become the bread and butter of the industry," he said.

The Jewellery Industry Council, representing manufacturers in both the real and costume fields, said the latter makes up 13 and one-half percent of all sales including every type of "jewellery" from diamond necklaces to silverware.

It isn't that woman's desire for diamonds and other precious jewellery is decreasing. Those who can afford to own the real. But Winslow said that even these women supplement the genuine with the costume stuff... they build a jewellery wardrobe.

HOTTEST ITEM "Necklaces and earrings for daytime... another set for evening," he explained. "Or, jewellery selected for a specific occasion."

Women think of costume jewellery as an accessory, like a purse or a pair of gloves," said one manufacturer. "Take the hottest item on the counters this spring, those coloured crystal beads. Women hardly buy them as 'necklaces'."

Yet, some costume jewellery is in a price range to make it of heirloom calibre. A spinel necklace from Du Jay, Inc., may cost as much as US\$500.

The set which we used to call the carriage trade still has the same tastes," said Jacques Laff, president of Du Jay, which



This attractive face-framing spring hat comes from the first collection of 25-year-old Janine Hardy, a new name on the London millinery scene. Made of lilac knitted crinoline straw, it carries a large mauve rose behind.

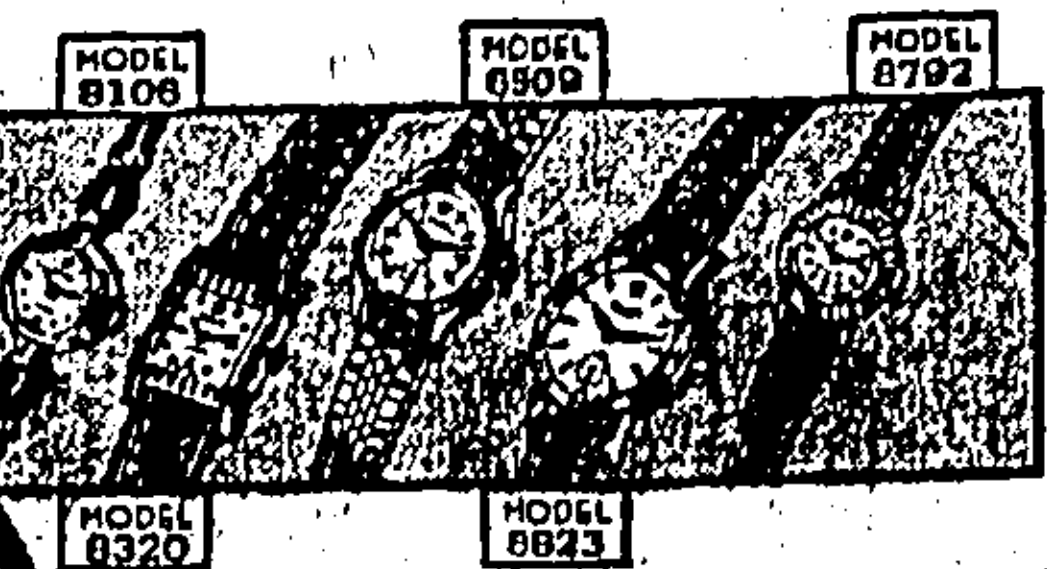
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Hongkong may not produce much honey... but it was a bee hive that Lady Patricia flew into last week. During a short visit she has seen more than water, and CHINA MAIL photographers have had to work something like bees themselves. These are just a few of the scenes their cameras clicked on.

Occasions ranged from the first birthday party of the Colman twins to the 100th Anniversary of North German Lloyds. Lady Patricia did not see all of this, but Government Officials (not

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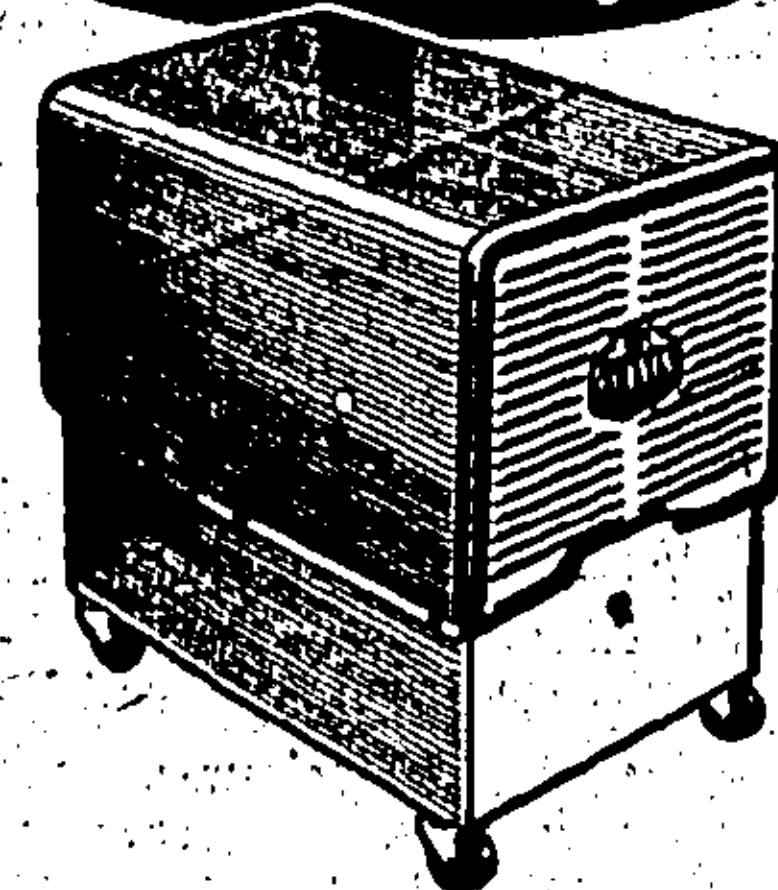
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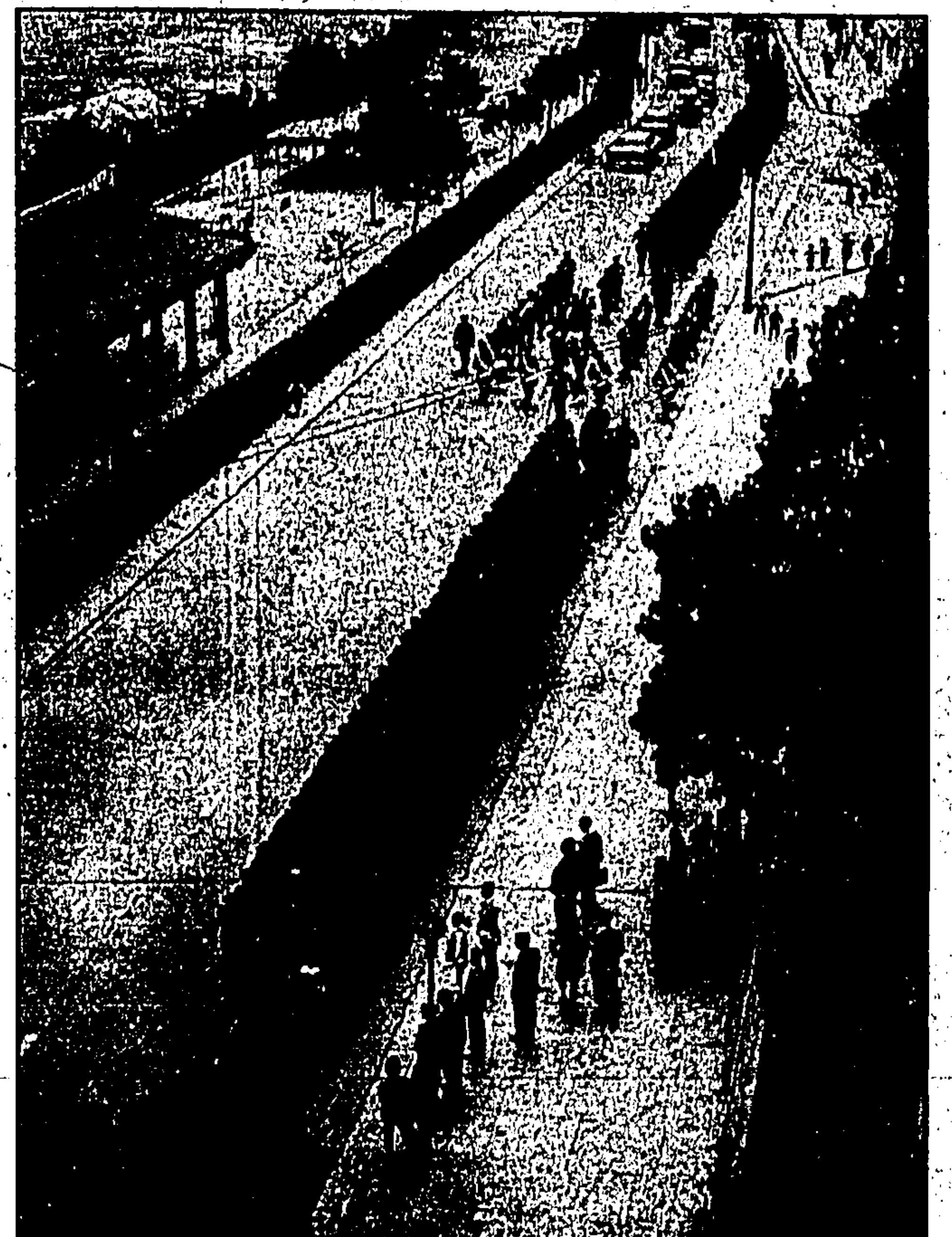


CRICKET drawing to a close . . . players and their wives at the KCC Cricket Dance.

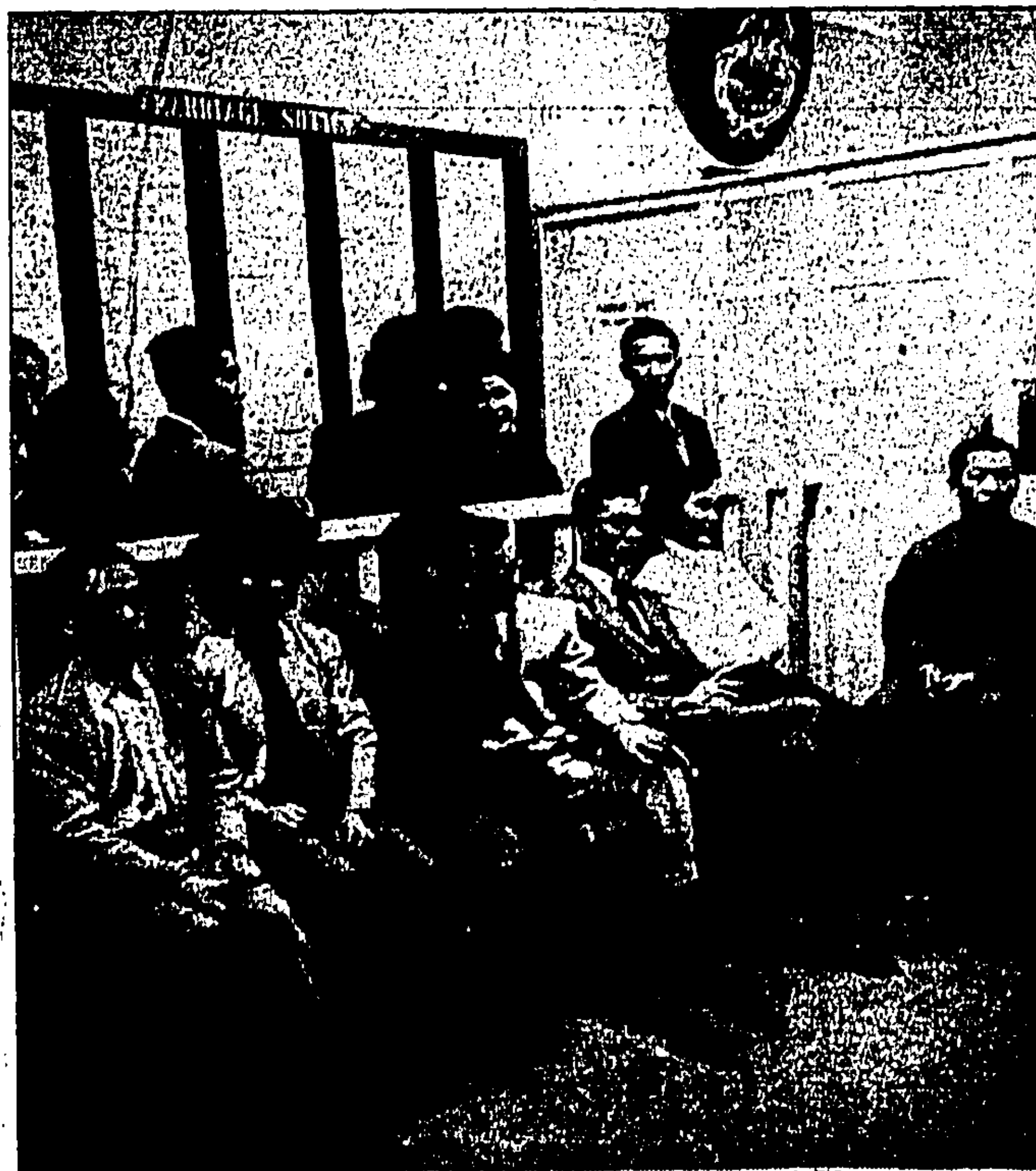


SALVATION Army Flag Day in Kowloon.

RIGHT: Northamptonshire Regiment and band marching from Kowloon Railway Station to transit camp before their forthcoming departure from Hongkong.



LEFT: Prisoners in the (?)



. . . . No. Actually, they're couples waiting to get married at Kowloon's new registry.

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Do you know why? I'll tell you: official statistics here have estimated that every British worker settling in this country is worth to Australia an average £21,000.

That is his lifetime value as a human production machine with access to Australia's wealth of raw materials.

This figure until recently confounded all explanations why Australia, New Zealand, Canada and the other young countries have been and will continue to welcome emigrants with open arms.

Australia

It isn't just love of the bright blue eyes. The figure officially accepted in Canberra is that Australia's production of human power is worth to the country a total of human productive machines to the value of £24,000 million.

Re-lying this, you can bet your last shilling on one thing: the Australian State Government will make sure there will be jobs for the 14 shiploads of migrants due to leave Britain now.

If they don't work, they are not worth £21,000 each. They're not worth two pence — they're liabilities.

Britain coming out now will find in the middle of a nice period of industrial expansion with jobs in almost every trade except coal-mining and building.

Other mining industries are growing, like machinery, so are steel industries and manufacturing generally. And the comforting thing is that many of the industries making the biggest profits are Australian branches of English and Scottish companies.

bids

English Electric Company, for example, announced this week in Queensland that they were expanding by 700 percent. The big British motor car companies are growing.

Are the British emigrants really welcome among Australians? There's certainly no prejudice against British people. You can forget the old stories about Australians disliking "Pommies." That went out of date a generation ago. The only dislike we encountered is due to the conduct of perhaps five percent of emigrants who criticised everything they find.

They probably did the same at home. The trade union movement here long ago ceased to oppose immigration. The Australian Council of Trades Unions at its last meeting refused to accept a resolution asking for some reduction in assisted migration. The Union leaders know now that emigrants are consumers as well as producers and therefore they create jobs for Australians.

£11,000

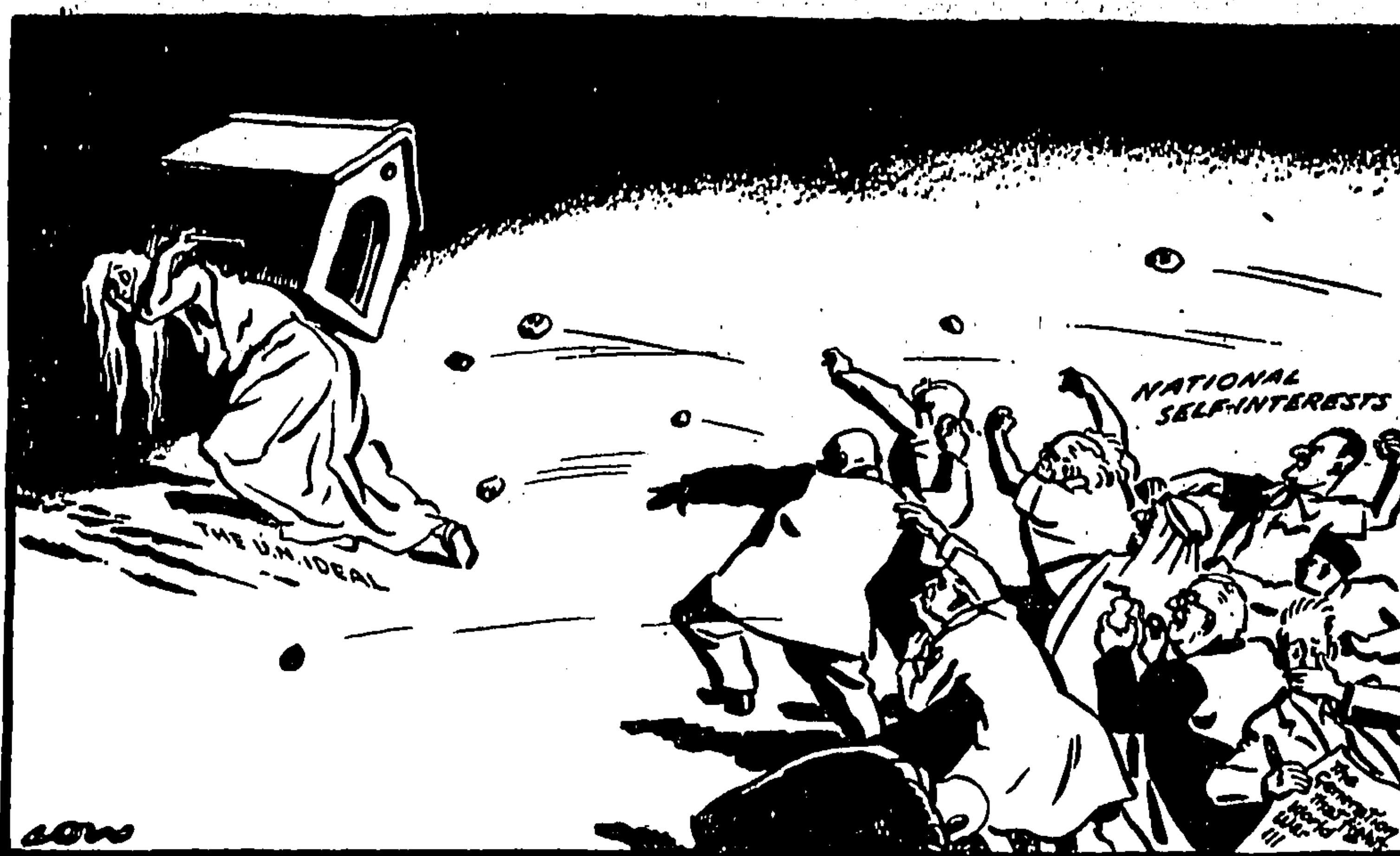
It's no Eldorado here. Rates are high. It's hard to get credit to buy a home. And the big drawback is that it's a long way from Britain and homesickness is a troublesome thing. But the weather is glorious, wages are high, education is free and as in all young countries the mental climate is optimistic. Faith in the future is unbounded.

One person in every six in Canberra today is a post-war migrant. And only four percent of migrants who reach here ever go home to live again. The value of £11,000 per head on each migrant is calculated thus—

The average worker in Australia produces goods and services valued at £5,000 more than he consumes in a lifetime. The average native-born worker costs the community £2,000 to maintain and educate up to working age, but in the case of a British migrant this cost is borne by Britain.

So the Australian Government accepts the £11,000 as his total worth if he arrives here reasonably young in his working career.

ARTHUR MORLEY



DOG'S LIFE

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News From Britain by LES ARMOUR

THE ups and downs of British politics used to be as reliable as a play-ground see-saw.

At one time, Tories went up, the Socialists came down and when the Socialists went up, the Tories came down. The rhythm had a certain comfort about it. The utterly unpredictable never happened.

Now a series of naughty and even to have taken it upon themselves to dash about from end to end and upset the balance.

They were hard at work a couple of weeks ago in North Wales. The Tories came down with a bump but the Socialists only went up a little. The Socialists for a moment to their dismay that a Miss Llewellyn was going up with them, too.

Then this week at Wednesday, the Tories vote crashed 12.6 percent. But the Socialists vote rose by less than two percent. The other 10 percent of the votes went to a Mr Michael Wades.

A few hours later, nearly the same thing happened in Wales at Carmarthen. There the Liberals but Tory-backed candidate and the Socialist candidate were slugging it out, and nail. But it was the Welsh Nationalist candidate who tipped the balance.

If all the three upstreters had belonged to one party, the political analysts would know just what to do. But all three did not belong to one party. One was an "Empire Loyalist," one a simple "Independent" and one a "Welsh Nationalist."

The implication is that a very large number of people are just fed up with both the Tories and the Socialists. The Liberals, who still remain in formal existence as a party, do not seem to be very much more loved.

The disabled voters have found no formal champion. But they are angry enough to adopt whatever champion presents himself. Anything that will shake the established machines will do.

In a way, this is an ugly development. For it indicates in part that quite a lot of people and the democratic apparatus as it is now operated unsatisfactory. They are tired of being presented with two alternatives neither of which they like.

Meanwhile the outlook is far more fun all round.

STRANGER THAN If it didn't appear in bold, black type in sober, responsible

"A" Reactor—a year ahead

THE most powerful atomic reactor built for use in British power stations will be in operation one year ahead of schedule. The reactor—a fast "breeder" designed to generate 60 million watts in a uranium core the size of a dustbin—is being built at Dounreay, Scotland. It was expected to operate in 1959. Now scientists estimate it can work by the spring of 1958.

Much of the credit for this achievement will go to engineers and construction experts controlling a labour force of 2,000 at Dounreay.

When sudden high winds threatened lifts by two 200ft cranes, they revised the building programme so that all major lifting operations had been completed before winter set in.

This month, when frost

newspapers anybody who spread these stories would get hooted into silence.

Who would believe the one about the miners who went on strike because they didn't like the way the canteen tea was made? (The issue is that one, admittedly, was complicated by the fact that the woman who made the tea got sacked for insisting on making it the miners' way; but it got promptly decomplicated because she urged them to come back to work and she herself was reinstated.)

On the other hand, the Covent Garden truck drivers and porters who are on strike because a management won't sack a former truck driver, don't like. Odd, but true, that one, and it looks, as this is written, as though London and much of Southern England is going to be without fruit and vegetables.

Then there is the celebrated affair of the man who rang the bell which called the workers to a union meeting in company time at Briggs and got sacked. A court of inquiry is looking into that one and a strike was averted at the last moment by throwing all the state's conciliation machinery into high gear.

Each of these odd strikes has been characterised by an attempt to take over some of the functions of management. Briggs shop stewards, apparently, wanted to decide when and for what purposes the production line should be stopped. The miners wanted to decide how the canteen tea was to be made. The truck drivers wanted to decide who should be foreman.

Their desire to run the business has not been made articulate and it is no part of any official programme. Indeed, the trade unions are afraid of it. If it ever became a sensible programme it would radically alter—indeed abolish—union-management relations as they are known now. And the trade union leaders find things comfortable as they are.

The open question is just: How far can they be pushed?

HAPPY?

Well, something likes it here anyway. People may be quitting England—but the mosquitoes are staying.

WOMEN COMPETE WITH MEN IN THE RUSSIAN PRODUCTION CHALLENGE

A TEAM of British professors and engineers, who visited Russia to study engineering education there, have returned highly impressed with what they saw.

Sixty-five thousand engineering diplomas were awarded in Russia last year; and the British team of professors and engineers say in a report presented in London that the quality of the graduates is very good.

"We cannot be complacent about the numbers of our young engineers," says Professor E. Giffen, leader of the team, in his official report.

And Mr Kenneth Brasher, secretary of the Institution of Electrical Engineers in Britain, a member of the team, told me that once the Russians have caught up the leeway in their standards of living, great numbers of highly skilled technologists will be freed to compete in the world's markets. "They will be really worth while adversaries and, if we do not do better, will see us out," he warned.

Mr Brasher (who, incidentally, is father of Britain's cross-country gold medalist at the Olympics) thinks that, with Russian production for the home market at the present rate, the leeway will have been cleared off in five to ten years.

Indeed, P.G. Shute, perhaps the country's greatest mosquito expert, reported this week that the species *Culex pipiens* has already come out of hibernation and is feasting happily on good English flesh.

Usually, *Culex* hibernates until the end of April but this year life in England was so good that he just couldn't restrain himself.

NATIONAL SAVINGS

Another hopeful sign comes from Wakefield where officials in the County Hall are on a veritable "like true Englishmen of old, the call of their government to come to the nation's rescue."

The call, just now, is for economy in all walks of our life.

So in Wakefield, they're cutting all their pencils in half. More pencils, it seems, are lost in the County Hall than are worn out and dramatic savings are expected to ensue.

the complete structure from damage by ice.

The reactor, which will "breed" more fuel for future reactors than it consumes, will feed 15 million watts direct into the national grid. Heat is extracted by liquid sodium instead of gas.

Real purpose

But its real purpose is to give scientists experience of using a reactor which has highly economic properties.

A second experimental reactor at Dounreay—now named "Demeter"—which will feed materials to be used in constructing and fuelling future commercial power stations is already well advanced.

ANIMALS IN COURT

Sentence Passed On Cows, Pigs, Rats and Insects

A FIRE which destroyed a farmhouse recently was believed to have been caused by a sparrow, without malice aforethought, taking a cigarette-end under the tiles as nest-building material.

The bird cannot be blamed for failing to appreciate that the cigarette was still alight. If, however, the same thing had happened in certain parts of Europe in medieval times, it would have been the solemn duty of the ecclesiastical courts publicly to declare the bird ex-communicated and under notice to quit the district forthwith.

Fantastic, admittedly—but none the less true.

It was the accepted order that the civil courts had jurisdiction over all domestic creatures, including farm animals, whilst the Church could call to trial, and pronounce sentence on, all forms of wild life from wolves and rats right down the scale to insect pests such as caterpillars, ants and houseflies.

Rats Won Fame For Lawyer

One of France's most eminent jurists, M. Chasseneux, won his laurels for his masterly defence of the rats which plagued the Diocese of Autun in the 16th century. The rats were accused of appearing in great numbers

and sentenced and publicly burnt at the stake—together with the egg!

A sow and her six piglets were summoned to appear before a court at Lavigny in 1457 on a charge of having killed—and eaten—a five-year-old child. The sow was condemned to death by hanging, but the defending lawyer managed to get the piglets off with a caution, stressing their

extreme youth and the fact that they had undoubtedly been influenced by the example of their mother.

Researches by French antiquaries have brought to light the records of ninety-two cases of animals being tried in their courts between the years 1120 and 1740, the last case being that of a cow which was brought to court on a charge of murder!

It was alleged that the cow had trampled on a boy asleep under an apple tree. A court official duly went to the field, read out the summons to the cow on the spot, and then arrested the animal. It was led into the courtroom, tried, then led out to be hanged publicly.

At Oviedo, Spain, in the year 1540, a clothes moth was brought before a full court assembly and solemnly charged with destroying a valuable tapestry. The moth was pronounced guilty and ordered to be decapitated, and the whole moth tribe sentenced to banishment from the kingdom.

It was, of course, a grave miscarriage of justice, for it is the larvae, not the moth, which does the mischief.

Fleas, beetles, cats, dogs and even chickens have been brought to court in days gone by. In Britain, animal trials have seldom, if ever been held. Instead, the law of Deceit operated down to Victorian times.

This law directed that if any animal, or even an inanimate object, such as a farm cart, for example—caused the death of a human being, such animal or chattel was forfeit to the Lord of the Manor, or to the Crown, for pious uses.

by Trevor Wiltshire

and annoying the townspeople and were therefore summoned in all seriousness to appear before the Ecclesiastical Court.

The defendants, described as "dirty animals of grey colour living in holes" failed to appear, of course, when summoned. The prosecution demanded sentence right away, but Chasseneux argued that all the rats in the Diocese were interested parties and they, too, should be called to give evidence.

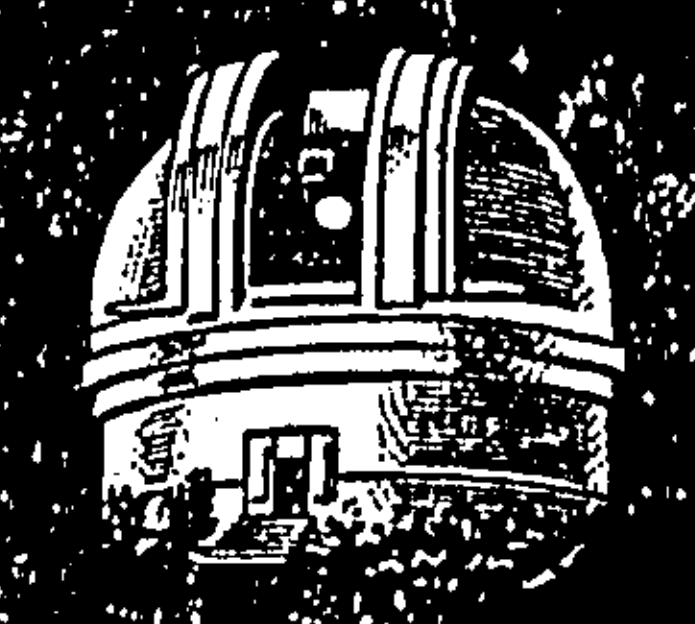
The curate of every parish was therefore commanded to issue a general summons. Still no rats put in an appearance.

Contempt of court? Certainly not, argued the young lawyer. Some were too old and others too young to make the journey. The rest of his clients, he explained, were willing to attend, but were afraid to come out of their holes because of "evilly disposed cats belonging to the plaintiffs." The case was thereupon adjourned, sine die!

Cock That Laid An Egg

One of the strangest of all mediaeval trials took place at Basle, Switzerland, in 1474, when a cockerel was accused of the diabolical crime of laying an egg! Now a cock's egg in the hands of wizards and witches, it seems, is a thousand times more evilly potent than an atom bomb.

For the "crime" of delivering, or making available, such a Satanic object the luckless rooster was hastily tried, and



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Patent Medicine AND READING GAOL

THE bulk, and centre, of "Elixir"—magazine of the Hongkong University Medical Society—now on sale at \$2.50 is taken up with a superbly printed and illustrated copy of Oscar Wilde's only well known poem . . . The Ballad of Reading Gaol.

As pointed out in an editorial, this reproduction is printed as a poetic contribution to the argument on the abolition of capital punishment, and particularly of hanging, upon which medical authorities in this and other countries have already

expressed a variety of strong opinion. With an introduction by Professor Blunden and haunting illustrations by Douglas Blund the reproduction marshals the best known talent in Hongkong for a powerful production. As a union of Poet, Painter, Scholar, and Printer in one work, these pages could hardly be bettered in any part of the world.

The editorial suggests that the see him may be reprinted as a separate book. It should be, it is well worth the printing.

Oscar Wilde, famous dilettante, achieved little in his life. If his prison sentence could be regarded as his death—for he subsided after it into silence—then it was in his death, in this one great poem,

that his talents and training left their mark. The poem, in its directness, is in strange contrast to all his other work.

The Editorial in "Elixir" is written with the charm one learns to expect from medical men who, as a profession, combine the Sciences and the Humanities in their study.

Besides introducing the major work of the publication, the Editor writes humorously about the flood of advertising through which a doctor must wade to find his mill.

The general public is assured that advertisers do not lead medical practitioners by the nose as they do lesser mortals. "Only a moron on holiday could or would spare the time to open and study it all," he says, and then adds that it may be that the great American nation has

suggested forward to prosperity upon the recognition of the simple fact that there's one hour every minute, but we do like to be allowed to cherish a fond belief that the medical profession contains a slightly lower than average proportion of the breed.

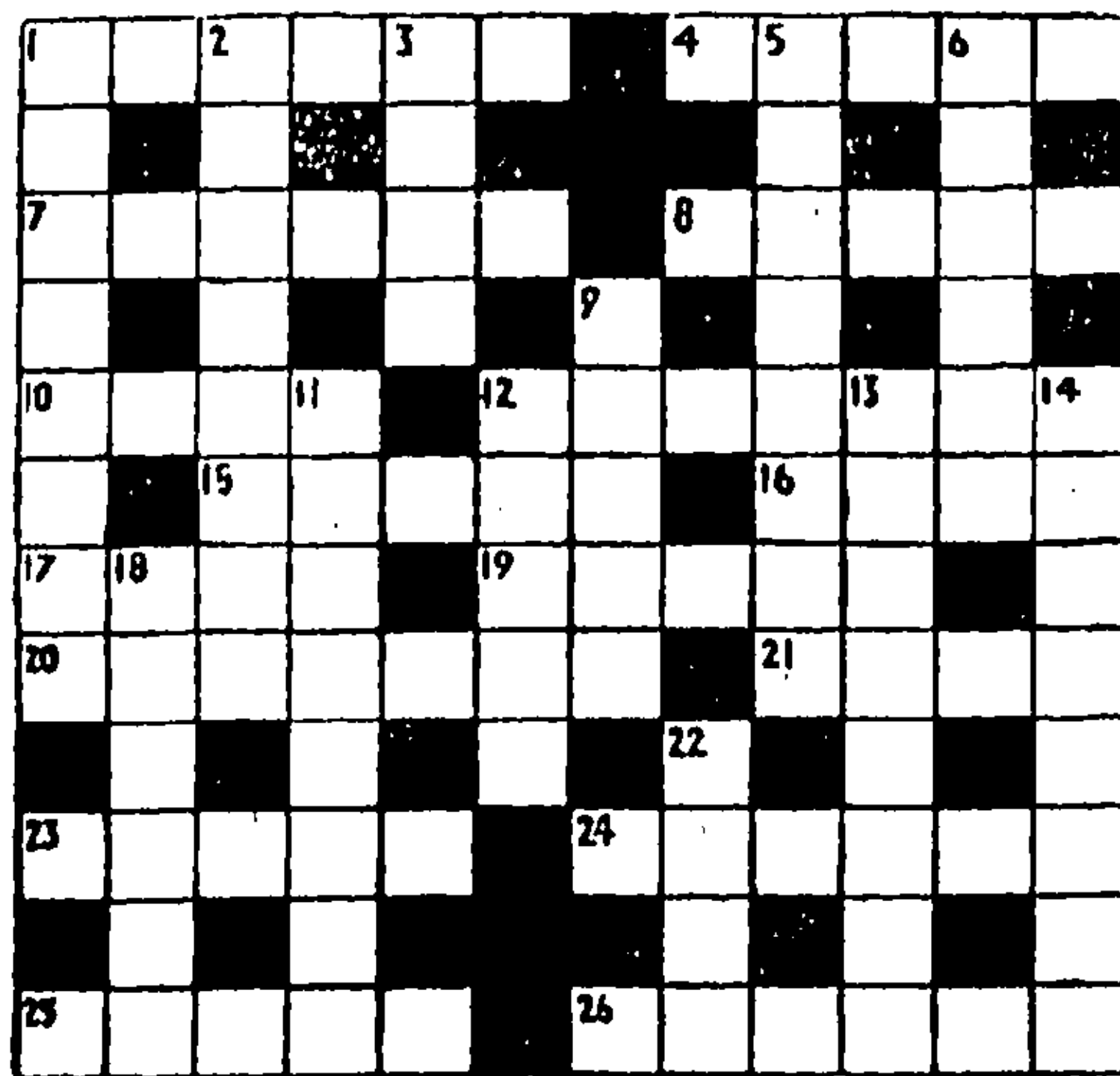
The general public hopes so too, but when he suggests that hardheaded businessmen who have their fortunes upon patent medicines are wasting their money by advertising, we begin to wonder. After all, we know a few businessmen. They are not men who enjoy wasting money. The comment comes at a time when Medical advertising threatens to wreck the British National Health organization. We fear public gullibility may still play as large a part in the medical world as in any other.

W.J.S.

ELIXIR

Owing to the extremely changeable weather we have been having of late, the Spring issue of Elixir was issued last Autumn, and the Autumn issue is with you now. This Summer we hope to publish the Christmas number, but just to even things out we have decided to call this one the Winter number (except for the supplement which was printed when the weather was more favourable). Any further changes of season will be noted in due course.

A British Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS

- 1 Safe (8)
- 4 Returns (5)
- 7 Ovens (6)
- 8 Ward off (5)
- 12 Violent wind (4)
- 15 Exhaust (7)
- 16 Praise (5)
- 17 Porten (4)
- 18 Scold (4)
- 19 Slant (5)
- 20 Kind (7)
- 21 Highland Gaidhe (4)
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- 24 Salesman, we hear, of dark accommodation (6)
- 25 Commerce (5)
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- 1 Reels (8)
- 2 Entire (8)
- 3 Ceremony (4)
- 5 Outfit (overcoat) (10)
- 6 Freebooter (6)
- 9 Rehears (5)
- 11 Carried out on the scaffold (8)
- 12 Prescribed amounts (5)
- 13 Gums (10)
- 14 Made beloved (8)
- 16 Come into view (6)
- 22 Lake (4)

FRIDAY'S CROSSWORD—Across: 3 Spectres, 8 Astute, 9 Essay, 11 Exotic, 12 Foe, 13 Fend, 18 Ruler, 19 Ears, 22 Scorpion, 24 Tormentor, 25 Strong, 26 Convince, Down: 1 Haven, 2 Steer, 3 Steamer, 4 Post, 5 Chair, 6 Ha-ha-in, 7 Saggid, 10 Solid, 14 Phred, 15 Departs, 16 Reels, 17 Barron, 20 Colon, 21 Usage, 22 Safe, 23 Nose.

Cyril Stapleton's column



Watch out, you Rockers!

IS THE GROUND SLIPPING UNDER YOUR FEET?

THERE is a cloud no bigger than a man's fist just appearing on the musical horizon.

At the moment it is impossible to say whether it will develop into a hurricane or not, but there are certain weather-vanes which show the way the wind is going to blow.

The first of these comes from a British record company which made a rather unusual and exciting disc last week. It decided to send the record straight to America. It suggested four different titles for the item, all of which contained the word "rock."

TERRIBLE WORD

BACK came a cable from the American agents saying that they would not dream of issuing the disc there with that terrible word on the label. "It is poison to the American market," they said, "and we must have a new title."

Second, Lonnie Donegan tells me that although he has always sung folk songs in the past, and that he intends to go on singing folk songs in the future, he will, on his next record, introduce a calypso beat into his music. As for his celebrated "skiffle" group, you can delete the word "skiffle" from his labels, and call it just a group.

CALYPSO HOPE

ALL the music publishers, both in Britain and in America, are hoping that calypso will take the place of rock 'n' roll. They have a good reason for this. Although rock 'n' roll has proved a big seller of gramophone records it has not sold much sheet music. And sheet music is the publishers' biggest source of profit.

Take, for instance, Bill Haley's "Rattle Dazzle." Although the public bought hundreds of thousands of gramophone records they bought only 100-odd copies of the song. The publisher who had Elvis Presley's "Hound Dog" did not even bother to print it. Don't, however, run away with the idea that rock 'n' roll is

going to be turned off like a tap. It has far too big a hold on this country for that. Calypso may become popular, but they will never have the sensational appeal that rock 'n' roll has had.

Why? Because rock 'n' roll was new. Nothing like it had been heard for many, many years. But calypso has been known in some form or another all the time. Also, they have always had much more appeal

on the other side of the Atlantic than on this.

FAILURE HERE

DURING the war "Rum and Coca Cola," which was a calypso, became the biggest hit in the United States. In Britain it was just another song. I know that here we had to change the title to "Rum and Lemonade," but basically the song remained the same and was a dismal failure.

HOW TO BE A STAR —NO EXPERIENCE REQUIRED!

I WONDER if, when you are reading this column, you ever begin to feel, as I do when I am writing it, that the whole record industry has gone stark staring mad?

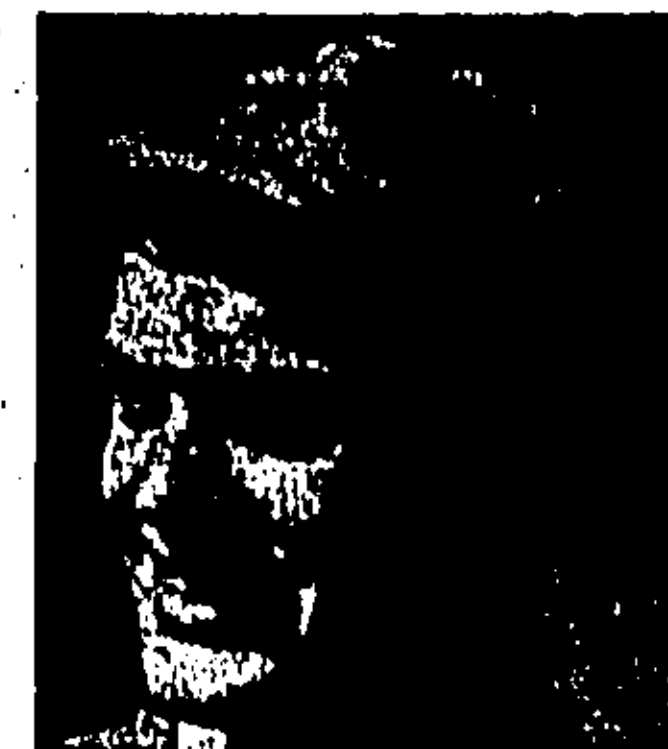
At one time artists sold gramophone records because they had gained a position of eminence in their profession. Now it seems that professionalism is the least important asset of a recording artist.

Example: A film star who has never sung a song in his life makes a record. Within two or three weeks his first disc has sold more than 1,000,000 copies. Example: Tab Hunter with "Young Love."

Amusement

AN amateur song-writer, never having put pen to paper before, whistles away the hours for his own amusement. The result of his handiwork out-sells Cole Porter.

Example: Melville Endley, the cripple boy who wrote "Singing the Blues," and who has followed it with another hit song, "Knee Deep in the Blues." Can you wonder that the public thinks that the easiest way to make a living is to walk into a record studio, sing the first amateur song that comes to hand, then sit back and wait for the royalties to pour in.



TAB HUNTER
ZERO TO A MILLION

Immediately after the television show he was signed up by Capitol. His first record for the company was called "Hep Doo Hoo!" backed with a tune called "The Teen-age Crush." This record sold more than half a million copies on its first day of release in the United States, and after only eight days on the market has topped this figure by selling nearly 1,000,000. The record is to be released in Britain this week.

Skiffle

A YOUNG man named Walt Whyton, who works in an advertising agency in London, bought himself a guitar two years ago. Last September he formed an amateur skiffle group, which he called "The Vipers." Being short of material, he turned his hand to song-writing, and composed a piece of music called: "Don't You Rock Me Daddy-O." This was his first attempt at writing a song. It has paid off for him in a big way.

Not only is his own disc on the Parlophone label a big selling hit, but the tune has also been recorded by Lonnie Donegan on Pye-Nixa, and this disc is No. 4 in the best-selling records.

Mr Whyton meanwhile continues to work in the advertising agency by day, and to appear with his group by night at such places as the Prince of Wales Theatre, where they have just finished two weeks in variety.

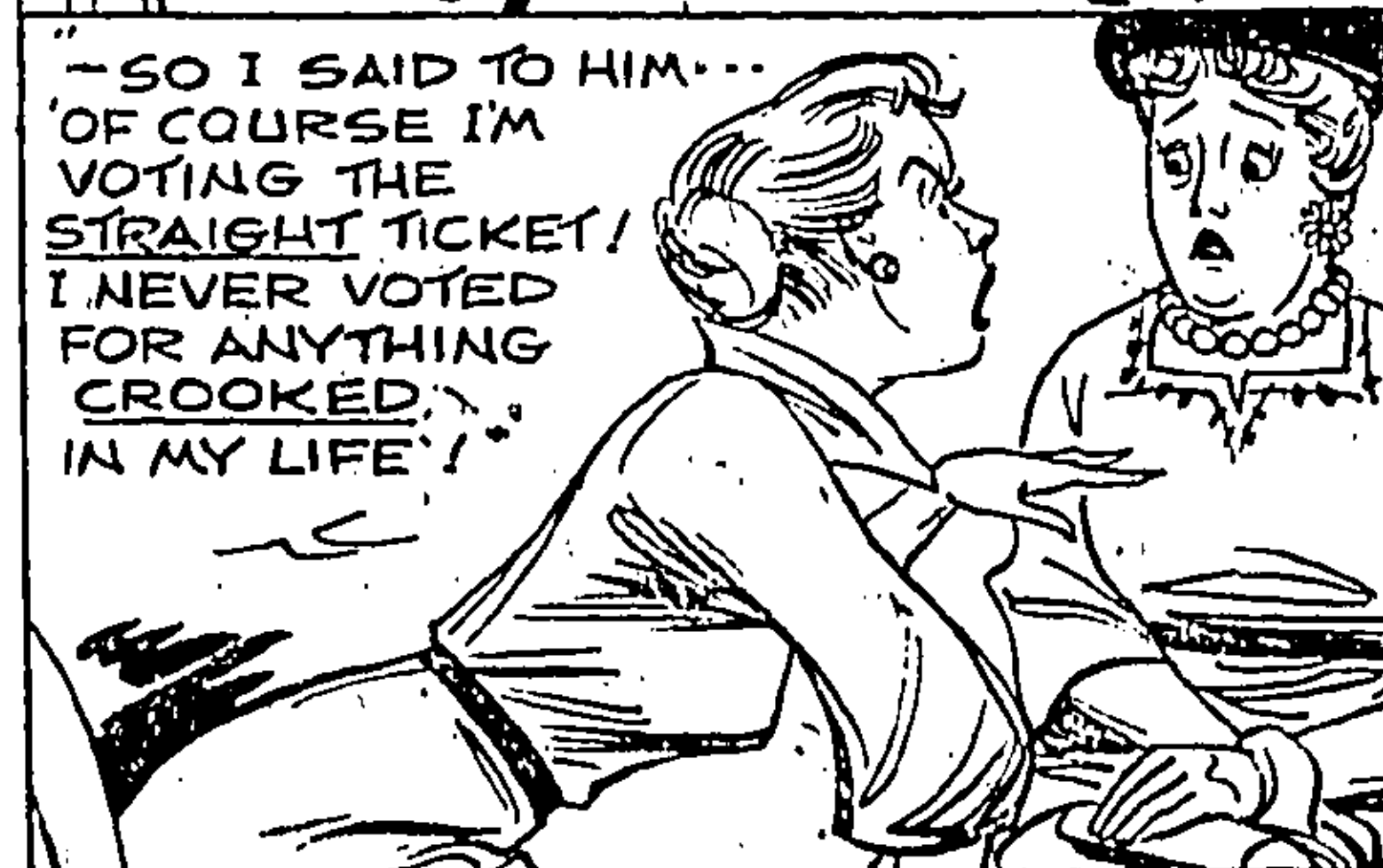
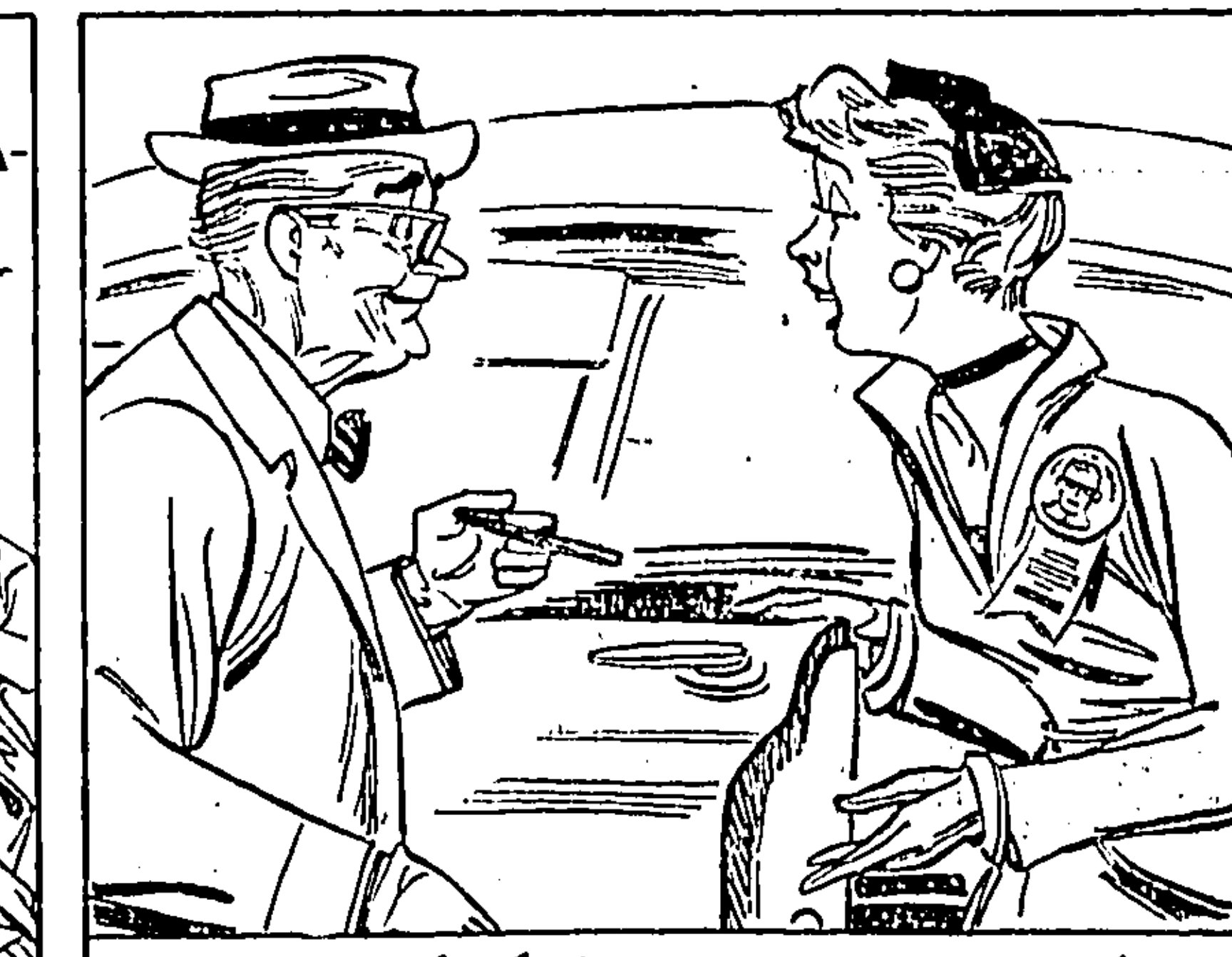
THE TOP TEN

- 1 "YOUNG LOVE," Tab Hunter (London) (2).
- 2 "GARDEN OF EDEN," Frankie Vaughan (Philips) (1).
- 3 "SINGING THE BLUES," Guy Mitchell (Philips) (3).
- 4 "DON'T FORBID ME," Pat Boone (London) (4).
- 5 "DON'T YOU ROCK ME, DADDY-O," Lonnie Donegan (Pye-Nixa) (7).
- 6 "TRUE LOVE," Bing Crosby and Grace Kelly (Capitol) (6).
- 7 "BLUEBERRY HILL," Fats Domino (London) (9).
- 8 "FRIENDLY PERSUASION," Pat Boone (London) (8).
- 9 "DON'T KNOCK THE ROCK," Bill Haley Comets (Brunswick) (9).
- 10 "ST. THERESE OF THE ROSES," Malcolm Vaughan (H.M.V.) (10).

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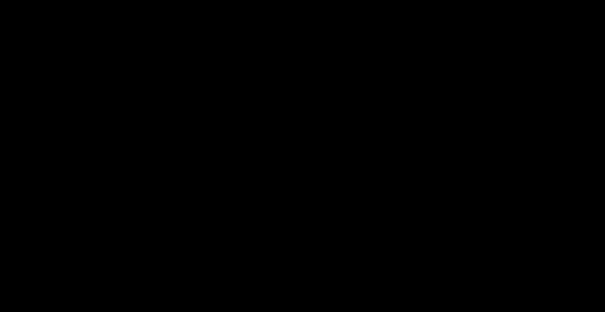
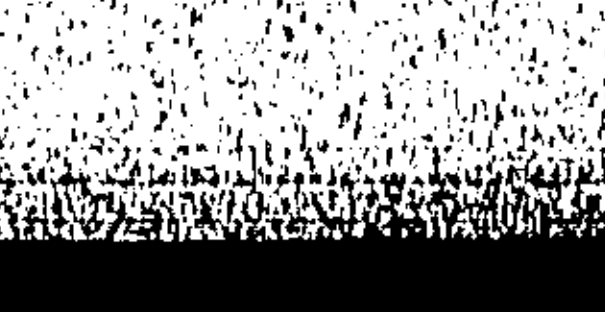
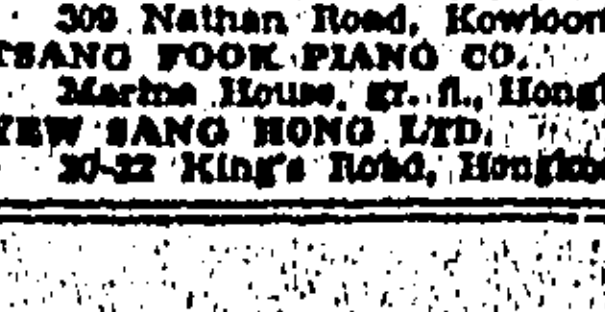
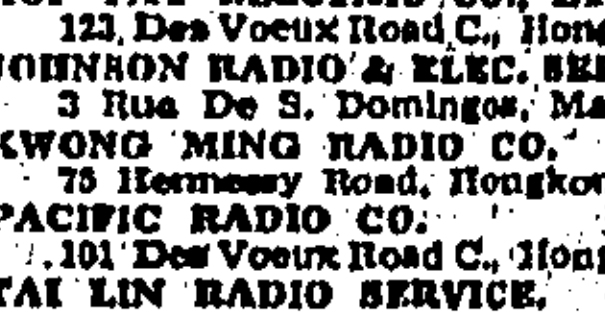
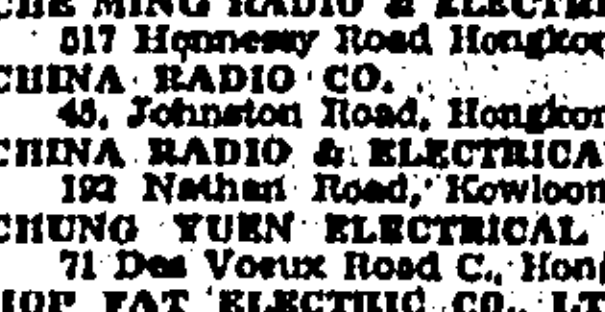
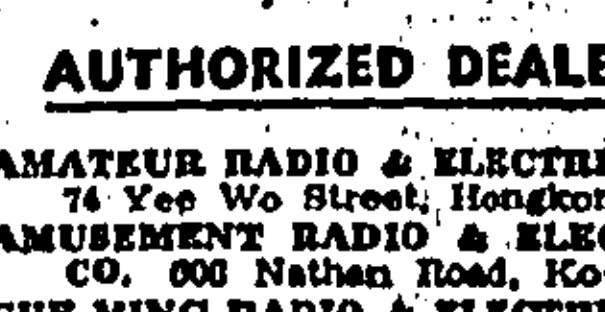
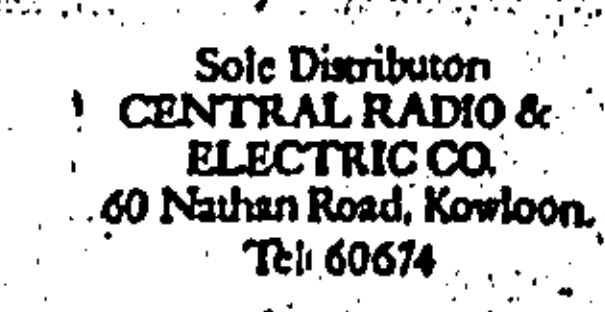
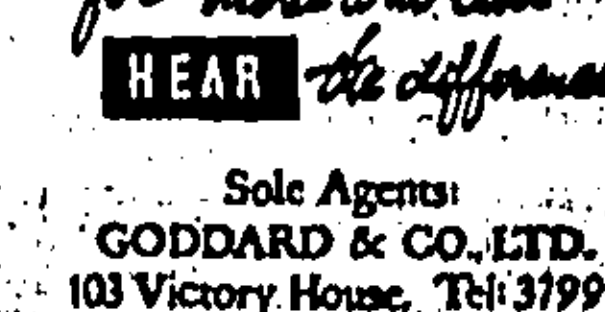
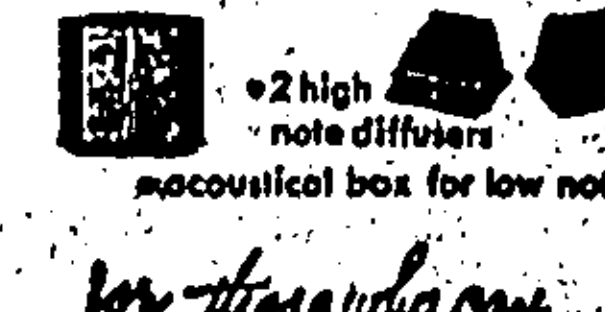
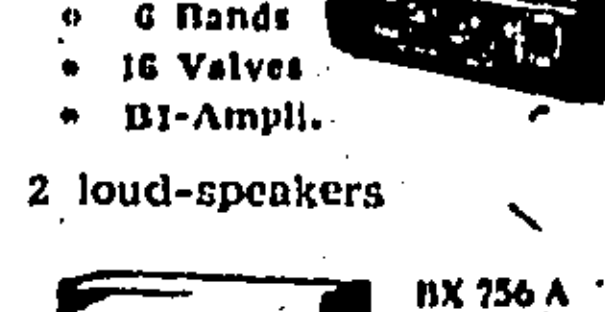
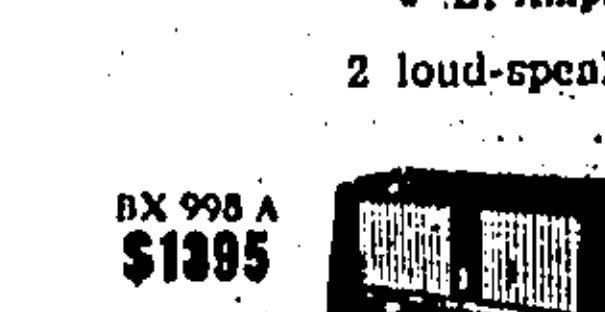
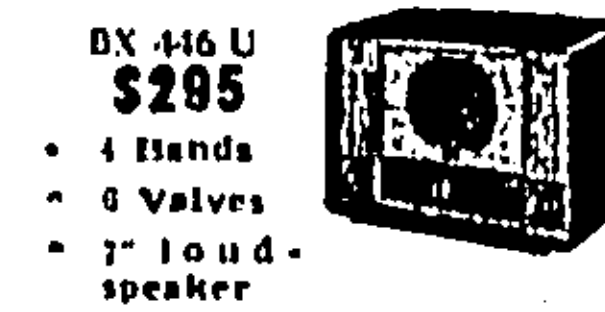
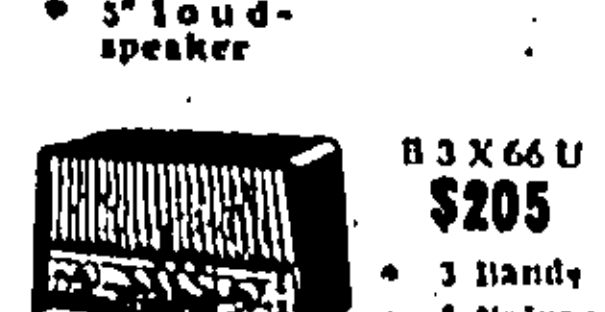
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BY HARRY WEINERT



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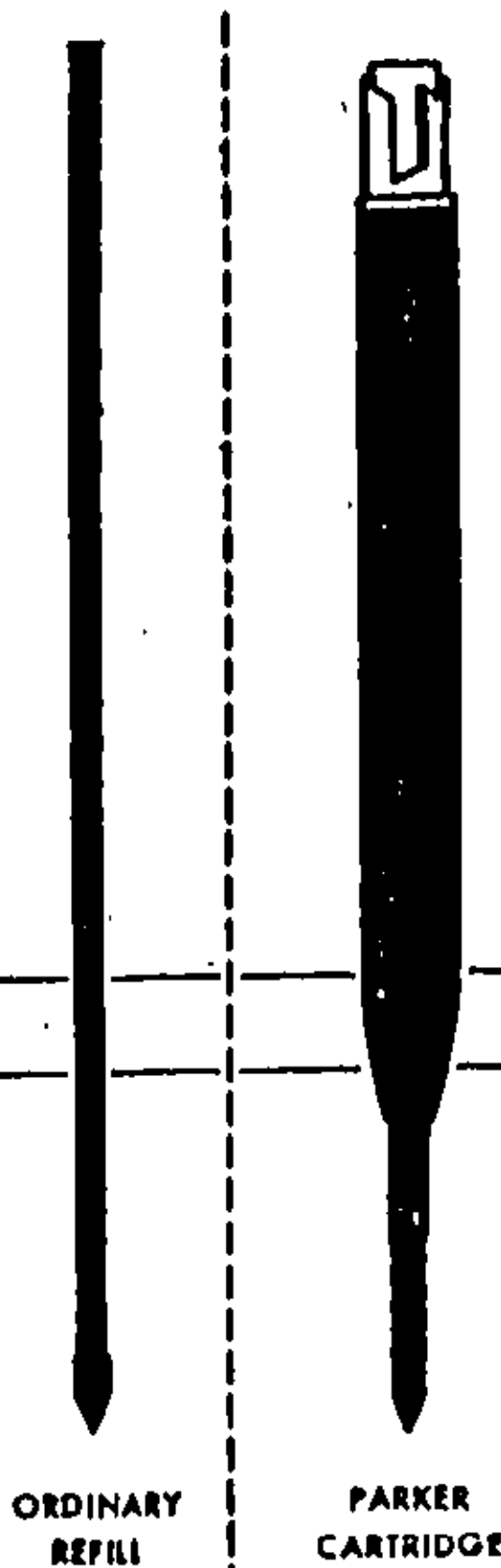
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WARRIORS BATTLE THE BLACKHAWKS IN LONG AWAITED MATCH

By "TIME OUT"

Highlighting this week's softball activities at King's Park is the long-awaited clash between the League-leading Warriors and Blackhawks who meet for the first time this season to decide League supremacy in the Men's Senior "A" Division.

This main attraction is a definite 'must' for all followers of this sport as both teams are locked in a two-way tie for top honours, the Warriors' initial defeat coming from the Pandas while they were on their early rampage through the first round, and the Hawks' setback coming at the hands of the veteran Joeys when other sporting duties kept several key players off the Hawk roster to leave a weak nine holding the fort.

When the shout of 'Play Ball' is called at 2.30 p.m. tomorrow, fans can expect the best in local softball entertainment as both teams are of first class calibre, matching player for player all the way from the pitcher right down to the utilities on the bench; and in this thrilling "battle-for-survival" no holds are barred and the red-hot battle is expected to wage until the final ball is caught.

DIFFICULT TASK

The Colony's top hurler, 'Goose' Wong, will hold the mound flag for the Warriors and will have the difficult task of holding the slap-happy Hawk runs at bay. Owner of one of the best fast balls in the business, Wong combines it with poise and cleverness to qualify as one of the game's best hurlers, and recently he has developed a variety in his pitching that can fool the hitter who waits to take a big swing at his fast one.

With right-arm George Ribeiro back in the line-up, this battery qualifies as the Colony's best! Since the reinstatement of Ribeiro to this formidable squad the Warriors shot out of the shadows to become the season's most dangerous threat to the crown. A pillar of strength at his post, Ribeiro's whip-like peg across the diamond is highly respected even among the fastest base-stealers.

Like their opponents, their infield quartet also features an array of diamond artists with the nucleus centred at short-stop, where they star fleet-footed Stephen Xavier, a menace on the base-paths.

Mentor Hank Killean is sure death to all grounders at second base, while at the initial sack the Warriors feature none other than lanky Joe Reis, whose far-reaching mitt renders that sector impregnable. Last, but not least in the air-tight quartet is ballhawk Dick Chaves at the hot corner whose appearance alone at the spot poses a warning to opposing batsmen.

WEAK LINK

Coming to their outer line of defence we find the Warriors' 'Achilles Heel' for the trio of outfielders are but a shadow of their infield defensive strength and if a link should snap in this strong-chain of players, fans may expect the break in the outer gardens.

At leftfield Jimmy Chang is as safe as they come these days but Al Oliveira at centre and Terry Ewing at right corner do with some more experience. But where these two fielders falter on the defensive, their batting prowess all but covers up this defect, for both are noted clutch-hitters and timely hits often win ball games.

From time to time a ball team "drops out of the skies" to make life surprisingly miserable for the opposition. Such a team are the Blackhawks this year as they possess the best in all-round offensive and defensive strength in a star-studded roster that could ruin any opposing pitcher.

UNERRING

Dean of the mound corps is fireballer Vic Pedruco with Ren Barretto playing the fireman's role. Pedruco today, with no practice sessions, can still toss his fastballs in with unerring accuracy for as long as a game will last and holds the envied distinction of being the only pitcher who can call his every pitch.

In the hindmarching spot the Hawks will probably start off southpaw Tony Rodriguez, as this youngster has been shining up sterling performances in recent outings to earn this coveted post.

The loss of valuable Mico Gam at third base will probably bring Roberto Nunes back into the picture to plug the gap at the hot corner while his brother covers the windy alley. Sharing the left sector of the infield between them, the Nunes brothers will control the run of the game to their advantage. Representative ballhawk Man Nunes is by no means overshadowed by

the variety of stars in the Hawk roster for he is poised at short besides packing a wallop at the plate.

Another slugging youngster in the infield is fence-buster Frank Loureiro who holds the post at first base. At second base the Hawks will probably feature John Pereira.

Bunching all power in the outfield, Ollie Vas boasts the strongest trio in softball today. Recently reinstated, Eric Almeida will probably parade the area at leftfield while sluggers Budji Dhaiber and Gerry Remedios patrol their areas at centre and right respectively.

Aside from Gerry Remedios, who is suffering from a pulled ligament in his throwing arm, both Eric and Budji are highly capable fly-chasers with powerful left arms.

To top this game, the Hawks' main worry will be in the attendance, for mentor Vas has the unfortunate break of having many of his key players engaged in other sporting activities and clashes are, therefore, inevitable.

However, with a full turnout tomorrow the Blackhawks should emerge victorious on the long end of a headline decision for in their power-packed roster there's always someone in the batting order to plague opposing hurlers.

DOUBLE-HEADERS

Filling up the thrilling seven-game programme this week are a series of postponed games and many teams are featured in double-headers. The Chinese Athletics of the men's Senior "A" start off their twin-bill with a clash against the gobs

from Uncle Sam's Navy at 11.30 a.m., followed immediately with an affair against the second-placed Saint Joseph's.

Fred Diesta's leading Pi Dodgers also take part in a twin-bill this week, taking on the Cheyennes this afternoon at 3.30 p.m. and the second-placed Seminoles in tomorrow's curtain-raiser at 10 a.m. The Seminoles, also in a twin attraction, will play their first leg this afternoon against South China at 2 p.m.

In the Senior "B" Division the potential champions, Pi Dodgers, will open tomorrow's diamond activities with a battle against the lowly HK University at 10 a.m.

THE PROGRAMME

Herewith this week's softball fixtures:—

Today

2.00 p.m. (Ground A) Seminoles vs S. China (Diesta F., Pitcher R. LAU R.).

3.30 p.m. (Ground A) Dodgers vs Cheyennes (Hamel R., Kottwall G., DAYARAN L.).

Tomorrow

10.00 a.m. (Ground A) Dodgers vs HKU (Ping G., Wong S. K., STEWART H. A.). (Ground B) Dodgers vs Seminoles (Cooper D., Forrest J., LAU R.).

11.30 a.m. (Ground A) U.S. Navy vs CAA (Abong A., Lamall A.G., STEWART H.A.).

1.30 p.m. (Ground A) CAA vs Saints (Two U.S. Navy players; Diesta L.). 3.30 p.m. (Ground A) Warriors vs Blackhawks (Robbins D., Low Bob; LAW P. J.).

Nominate YOUR Hongkong Footballer Of The Year

Members of the public are invited to nominate Hongkong's Footballer of the Year for the current season.

It is a popularity poll organised by the China Mail, and nomination coupons will be accepted until the closing date to be announced later.

The two qualifications for nomination are:

- (1) Footballing prowess
- (2) Sportsmanship on the field of play

Nominations should be addressed to the Editor, China Mail, Wyndham Street.

To the Editor, China Mail,

My nomination for Hongkong's Footballer of the Year, taking into regard his playing ability and his sportsmanship on the field of play is

of the Club.

(Signed)

Famous Sports Stars I Have Met

DAVID HALLIDAY

By Archie Quick

When Aberdeen won the Scottish League Championship in May 1955 it required courage of a high order for a manager to leave a club on the foot of success and go to an English one depressed by recent relegation from the First Division to the Second. But then Mr David Halliday has never been a man to forego a challenge, and so he moved to Leicester — at a much higher salary, of course.

So six short weeks after Aberdeen had lifted their first-ever championship, Mr Halliday left Pittodrie Park where he had resigned for seventeen years and guided the club not only to the title, but to Scottish Cup and Scottish League Cup triumphs. Leicester had seen-sawed up and down, but David, stout, iron-greyhaired Scot, managed to check the slide and they finished fifth last season. Now he seemed assured of steering them back to Division One.

How has it been managed? Chiefly by the importation of Scottish players, among whom Gardiner, Ogilvie, Ward, McDonald, McNeill, Walsh and McLaren have found their ways into the senior eleven. Indeed, Willie Gardiner, the prolific Arthur Rowley for the leading place among Second Division goalscorers last season.

PLAYING CAREER

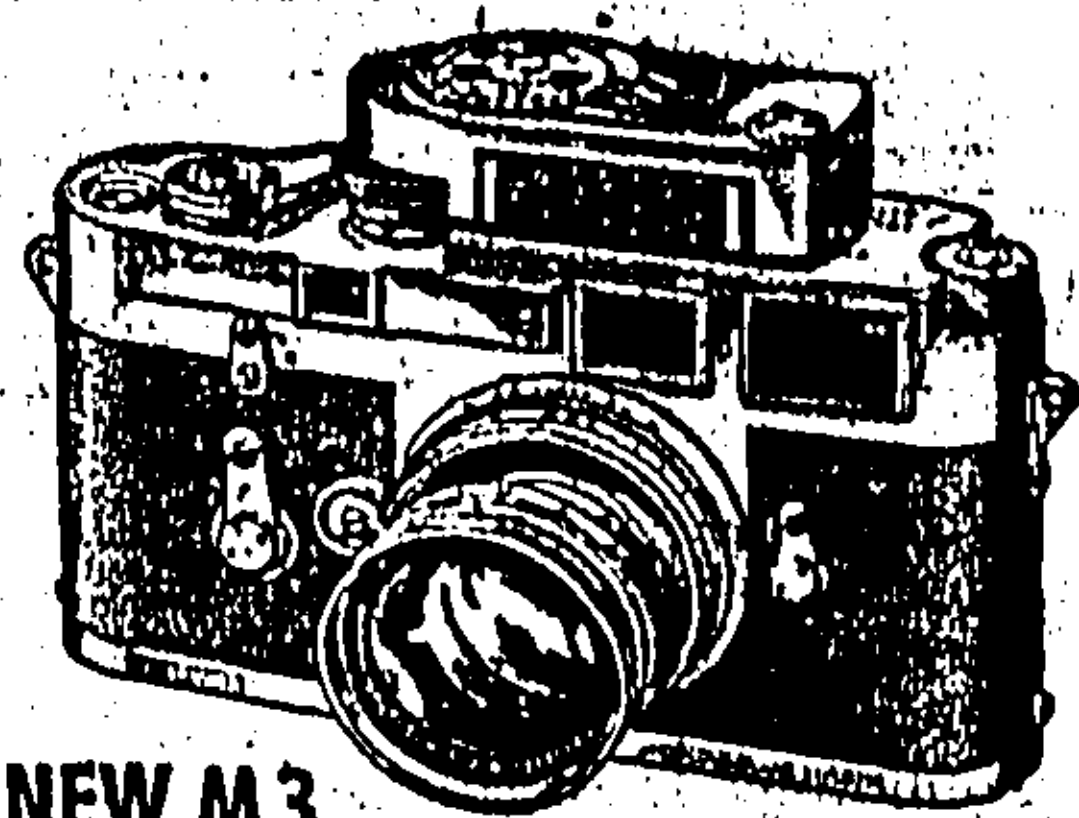
Halliday never won an international "cap", but he was still a great centre-forward. He turned professional in his native Dumfries for Queen of the South, but stayed with them only a few months before putting in a season with St. Mirren. There followed five years apiece with Dundee and Sunderland, then two seasons with Arsenal and another three with Manchester City. His playing career extending over eighteen seasons ended with a two years stay with Clapton Orient before he was appointed manager of Yeovil Town. His apprenticeship there lasted just over eighteen months before he started his long and successful association with Aberdeen.

Mr Halliday says he finds the promotion strain in England greater than the championship stress in Scotland, and that for better or worse he is looking forward to next June so that he can take a salmon fishing holiday on the River Spey. "I think we proved in the Cup tie at Tannoch," he told me, "that we are in fact playing First Division football now. Once we get there I do not think we shall have any more worry in retaining our position the same as Leeds United have done this season. We were as good as them last season."

SPORTS QUIZ

1. What sport is known as a 'noble art'?
2. Who was the last player to successfully defend the Wimbledon Men's Singles title: Donald Budge, Fred Perry or Jack Kramer?
3. Two nicknames, one person. Who was known as 'The Ballerina of the Courts' and 'Suzanne the Terrible'?
4. In what sports were the following Champions: James Braid, Jack Lovelock and Tommy Burns?
5. What have these sportsmen in common: Willie Watson, C.B. Fry and Denis Compton?
6. "Bunches of Fives", and "Dukes" are slang sporting terms for the same thing. What do they mean?
7. Which type of sportsman make their way down the Cresta Run?
8. If in lawn tennis the server throws up two balls instead of one, what is the umpire's ruling?
9. Which public school plays the wall game and sings the boating song?
10. Which sport does a toxophilite follow?

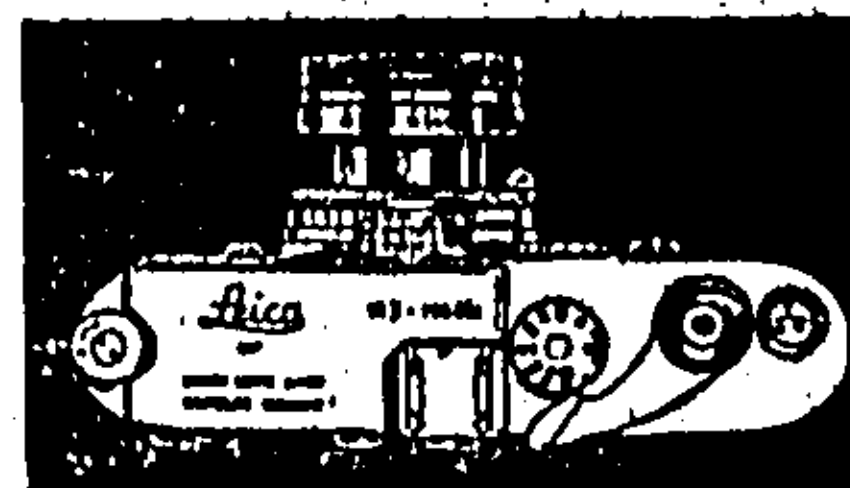
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Saturday 2nd, Wednesday 6th and Saturday 9th March, 1957.

(To be held under the Rules of the Hong Kong Jockey Club)

THE PROGRAMME WILL CONSIST OF 30 RACES.

The First Race will be rung at 11.30 a.m. and the First Race run at 12.00 Noon each day.

The Tiffin interval is after the Fourth Race (1.30 p.m.) each day.

The Secretary's Office at Alexandra House will close at 10.00 a.m. each day.

MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE

NO PERSON WITHOUT A BADGE WILL BE ADMITTED. All persons MUST wear their badges prominently displayed throughout the meeting.

Admission Badges at \$10.00 each per day are obtainable from the Club's Cash Sweep Office, at Queen's Building, Chater Road, only on the written introduction of a Member, who will be responsible for all visitors introduced by him.

Tiffins will be obtainable at the Club House if ordered in advance from the No. 1 Boy (Tel. 72811).

The 6th Floor is restricted to Members and Ladies wearing Lady's Brooches.

NO CHILDREN will be admitted to the Club's premises during the Meeting. For this purpose a Child is a person under the age of seventeen years, Western Standard.

PUBLIC ENCLOSURE

The price of admission will be \$3.00 each per day payable at the Gate.

Any person leaving the Enclosure will be required to pay the requisite fee of \$3.00 in order to gain re-admission.

MEALS and REFRESHMENTS will be obtainable in the RESTAURANT.

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Servants must remain in their employers' boxes except for passing through on their duties. They may on no account use the Betting Booths or Pay Out Booths in the Enclosures.

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Although Through Tickets cannot normally be purchased for each day of a Meeting unless there is an interval of at least five days between each day an exception is being made for the Annual Race Meeting. Through Cash Sweep Tickets, therefore, at \$20 each per day or \$300 for the three days of the Meeting may be obtained from the Cash Sweep Office at Queen's Building (Chater Road) and 5, D'Agulha Street, during normal office hours and until 10.00 a.m. on each day of the Meeting.

Particular numbers within the series 1 to 3,000 may be reserved for all race meetings as Through Tickets. Such tickets will be issued consecutively only and the right is reserved by the Stewards to cancel any reservation for Through Tickets for a particular Meeting if it is found that sales may not reach the number reserved in the series 1 to 3,000.

Tickets reserved and available but not paid for by 10.00 a.m. on Friday, 1st March, will be sold and the reservation cancelled for future Meetings.

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The Stewards reserve the right to refuse any subscription also the right to remove any name from Subscription Lists without stating reasons for their action.

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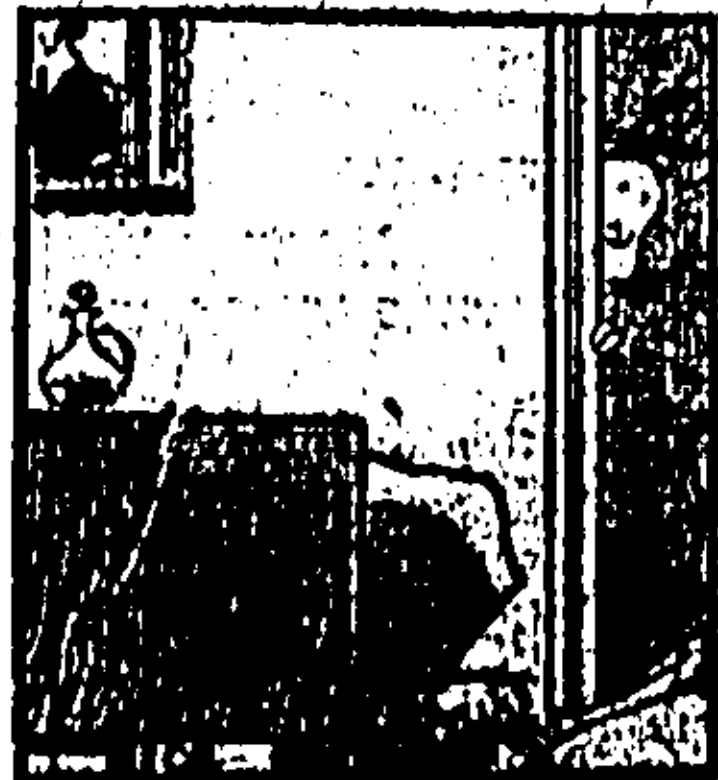
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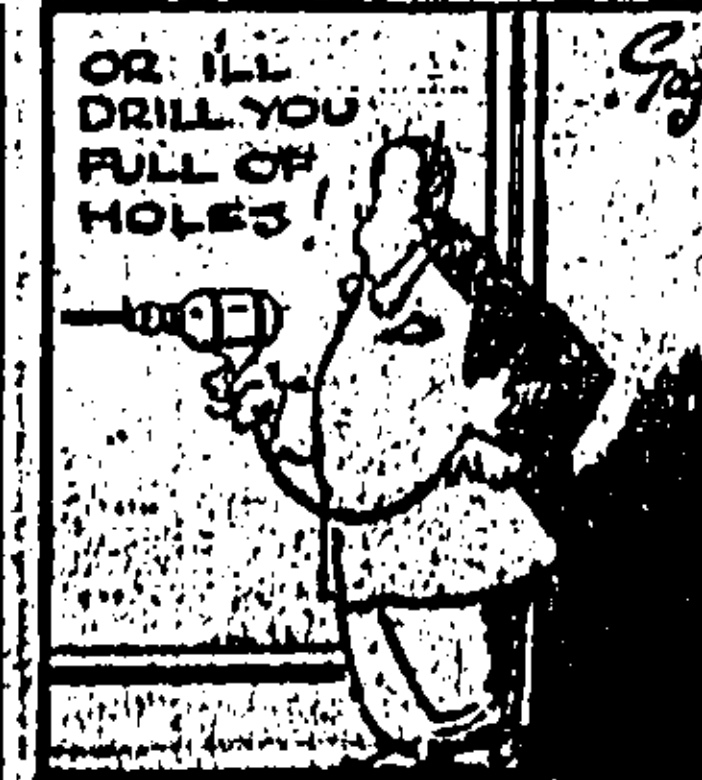
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MCC GIVE SLOW PLAY THE STICK

By ROY McKELVIE

The slow death of County cricket. What is the cause; the game itself or the negative approach of the men who play it? This was the problem facing the MCC special committee who made their recommendations the other week. They appear to lay blame on the players, particularly county captains.

Some of their proposals are drastic.

At least two—restriction of the number of on-side fielders, and an allowance of only 85 overs for each side's first innings—appear to cut across the rights of county captains, and, indeed, break the very spirit of cricket.

Cricket is an adventurous sport, and, within the laws, the players have certain freedoms.

Even Mr. H. S. Altham, chairman of this special committee, calls the proposals "A drastic breakaway from cricket tradition."

But something of the decline in interest in post-war county cricket is undoubtedly due to a negative approach by some counties and their captains. Without their co-operation, even these revolutionary recommendations cannot restore the game.

Each of the two main proposals can be criticised. They may even lead to abuses in other directions; but, linked together, and supported by the umpires, who are enjoined to stop time-wasting, they can have a salutary effect.

BORING

Since the war, gates have declined especially on those half-holidays, Wednesdays and Saturdays, on which county matches begin.

County captains have tended to spin for a position of strength on the opening day, to make sure of first-innings points. Fewer runs have been scored than in the pre-war atmosphere on the third day.

Under the new plan, and in good weather, spectators could be certain of seeing both sides batting on the first day.

since the first 85 overs should be bowled by five o'clock.

And runs being important, batsmen might adopt a more aggressive attitude, and 85 overs should produce at least 250 runs.

But, says Bill Edrich, captain of Middlesex: "There is a danger that the bowling side might try to restrict the batsmen to as few runs as possible in the first innings."

LEG STUMP

The post-war line of attack has moved to the leg stump, or just outside it, with the leg-side field packed, to the detriment of good batsmanship.

The most attractive, the easiest, and the larger number of strokes are off-side ones, for which the batsman has freedom of arms and wrists.

The committee restrict the leg-side field because they feel, and I agree with them, that it is better to risk a packed off-side field and negative bowling outside the off-stump than on the leg side.

Again, it is up to the county captains to stop a negative off-side attack.

Says Sir Len Hutton: "The committee might have suggested reverting to the old l.b.w. rule rather than limiting the on-side field—in other words, going back to where we started going wrong."

"That would have encouraged batsmen to make more use of

the cover drive, the most delightful stroke in the game."

Stuart Surridge, who led Surrey to the championship five times, comments: "With bowlers like Jim Laker and Eric Bedser I have received more catches square with the wicket or just in front than Tony Lock has at short fine-leg."

Cricket has suffered from time-wasting by bowlers and captains, who delay or frequently change their field placements.

Over the past two years, the number of occasions on which 18 or more overs have been bowled in an hour has decreased. Umpires are enjoined to stop time-wasting even to asking a captain to take a bowler off.

MARCH 26 DECISION

The recommendation is that these proposals be given a trial during the approaching county cricket season. They can be put into effect only if accepted by the County Cricket Advisory Committee on March 26.

The MCC have not yet made any observations. They adopt a fatherly attitude until the counties have had time to digest them.

A knock-out competition is suggested to stimulate interest in county cricket.

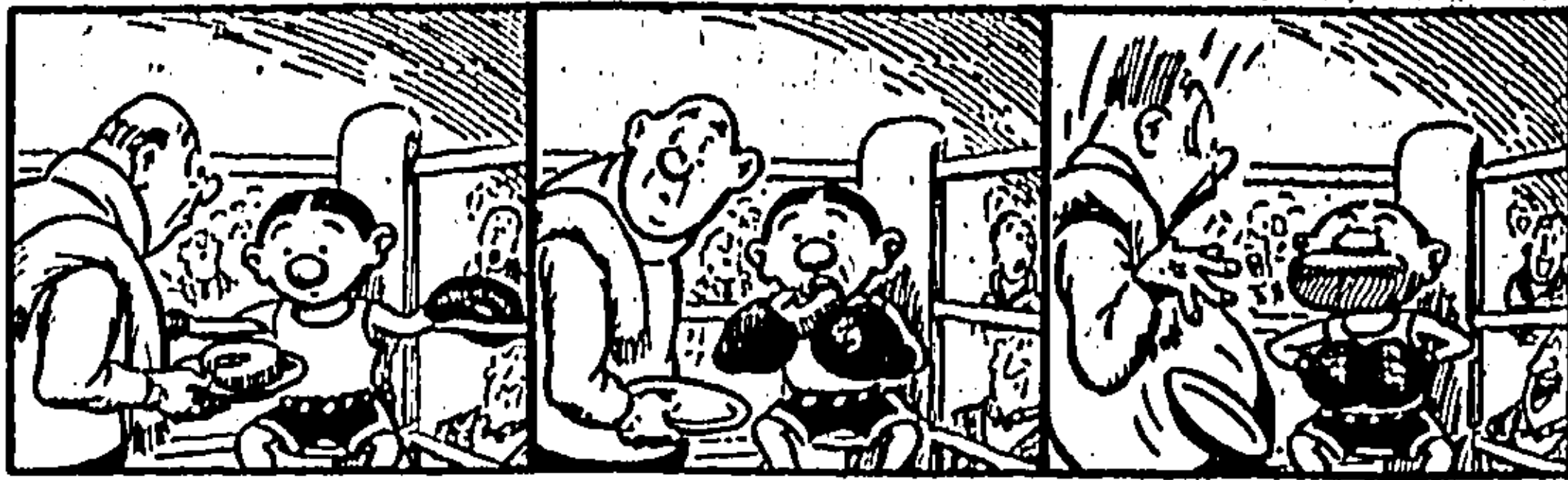
Because the fixtures for 1958 are already framed, it could not take place until the 1959 season, and it would be complicated to work.

To avoid drawn games, the suggestion is that each innings be limited to 54 overs over two days, the third day being reserved in case of rain.

To me it does not sound like cricket, but rather like the game played in the evening when the day's cricket has ended early.

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SPORTING SAM by Reg. Wootton



Sports Diary

TODAY

Soccer
Div. 1: St. Joseph's v Kwong Wah (CH); Navy v RAF (NAV); 4 p.m.; CAA v Sing Tao (IS) 4 p.m.

Div. 2: B & S v Jardines (CH); 2.30 p.m.; RAF Sal Wan v REMB (NAV); 2.30 p.m.; RASC v Solid-iron (IS); 2.30 p.m.; Dockyard v Taikeo (IV); 3 p.m.; Telephone v CMB (IV); 4.30 p.m.

Div. 3: C & W v Hollandia (IV); 3 p.m.; Doodwell v Rediffusion (IV); 4.30 p.m.; Mercantile v RIL (IV); 4.30 p.m.

Cricket

Div. 1: RAF v Army South; Scorpions v CCC; KCC v Optimists; 10 a.m.; Army North v Police.

Div. 2: Army South v RAF; Police v Army North; KUY v Navy; 10 a.m.; Recreation; Dockyard v University "A".

Athletics

Major Unit Athletic Meet Boundary street 10.30 a.m. EYMCA Open Meeting, King's Park 2 p.m.

Rugby

Blaney Stone quarter-finals, semi-finals and finals.
Ninth Annual Race Meeting, (third day), Happy Valley noon.

Answers To Sports Quiz

- Boxing—the Noble Art of self defence.
- Donald Budge, 1937-38.
- Suzanne Lenglen.
- Golf, athletics and boxing.
- Each has represented England at both soccer and cricket. (As Denis Compton's 11 soccer appearances for England were during the war he was not awarded a "cap").
- Fists.
- Tobogganists.
- A "let" is called.
- Elton.
- Archery.

RUGGER PREVIEW

IRELAND LOOK GOOD FOR WIN OVER WALES TODAY

By DUGAL SMITH

This is undoubtedly England's year in Rugby.

So much so, in fact, that the last glimmer of excitement in an interesting season will be in the Calcutta Cup match against Scotland on March 16—the match upon which hinge their hopes of an outright win.

Unbeaten England are now three games up and only one to play in the five-nation championship. They are followed by Ireland and Scotland, both with four points, and Wales and France, still to win a game.

The remaining matches: Wales v Ireland on March 8; England v Scotland on March 16 and France v Wales on March 23.

On England's present solid form, the result of the Ireland-Wales match today can hardly affect the championship result.

But it should be a worthwhile game to watch after Ireland's spectacular defeat of Scotland on February 23 and Wales's experiment of "telling their team: 'All change'."

PLAYING SAFE

Ireland are playing safe, making no changes in the team that so successfully smashed Scotland's hopes for the Triple Crown.

They have speed and thrust in the back line and fiery doggedness in the forwards. I can see no change that would add strength to this already powerful team. It is a pity that their final reshuffle came too late to be tried against England.

Wales, on the other hand, have an untried team. There are no fewer than six changes in the XV to play Ireland.

IN are centres Cyril Davies and Graham Powell, prop forward Henry Morgan, lock John Faulk.

OUT are centres Gareth Griffiths, Malcolm Thomas,

winger Ken Jones, wing forward B. Sparis, prop C. C. Meredith.

Centre Gordon Wells will play on the left wing.

Wales have had their troubles in the backs this season. Against England, the team had plenty of ball, but a weak line let them down; against Scotland they again crumbled.

Why Jones, one of Britain's most consistently neglected wings for many years, has been dropped again is beyond my comprehension.

I pick Ireland to win.

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Olympic Aftermath

There will be some irreplaceable vacancies in the ranks of British athletics this coming summer. Gordon Pirie, Chris Chataway, Chris Brasher, Jack Parker, Mike Wheeler, Mark Pharoah and Peter Allday will be missing as the result of retirement after Olympic competition. Never has there been such an exodus.

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NAMESAKES

INSTRUCTIONS: Fill in the spaces against each of the clues below with a word related to my life. The letters in circles spell out my name. Who am I?

1 Pictures
2 Summer sport
3 Body in space
4 Advertising
5 Dusty one?
6 Russian author
7 Performing
8 Continent
9 Inflammable substance
10 Nuptials
11 Such lettering
12 Californian town
13 Form

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THE WEEKEND GAMBOLS by Barry Appleby

GAVE, I AM NOT MAKING OUT ANY CHECKS TO PAY FOR NEW CLOTHES FOR YOU

VERY WELL, DEAR

GEORGE, I'VE MADE OUT THESE CHECKS

NO!

BUT DARLING—I'M ONLY ASKING YOU TO SIGN THEM

TOO LUCKY TO GO

I DON'T WANT TO GO

NOR DO I

PHONE THEM AND SAY YOU'VE GOT A HEADACHE

THAT WON'T DO

SO SORRY WE'RE LATE BUT . . . WE WERE DELAYED

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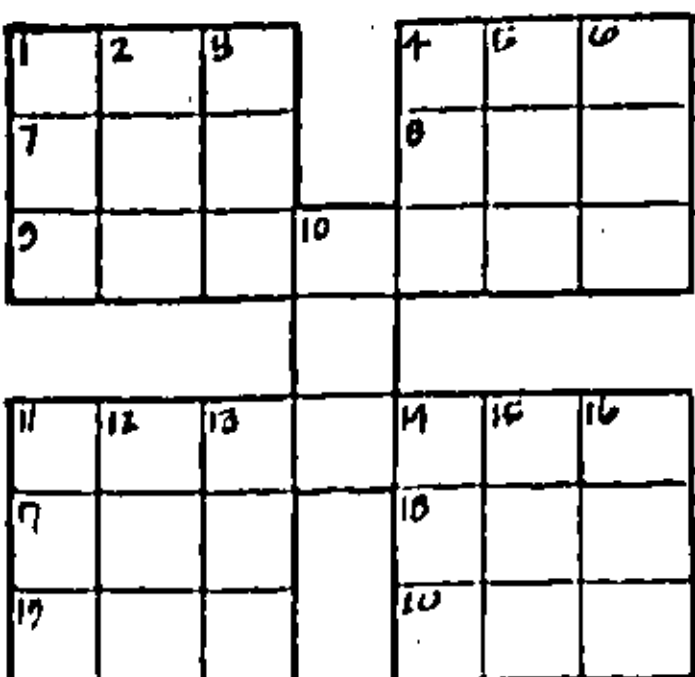
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1 Body part
2 Male sheep
3 Green vegetable
4 Affirmative reply
5 Weirdest
6 Father and mother
7 Boy's name
8 Consume food
9 Joke
10 Test

DOWN
1 Monkey
2 Scottish sheepfold
3 Blamish
4 Cereal grass
5 Roman bronze
6 F...
7 Frozen water
8 Flag
9 Constellation
10 Tatter
11 Seine
12 Sallow
13 Puppen

SOUND ALIKES

Miscellaneous words in the following sentence sound alike, but they are spelled differently. Can you complete the sentence in for him?
A cat is an expert at the of always landing on its

DIAMOND

CURRENT supplies energy and a centre for the word diamond. The second word is "a drinking vessel", third "discovery of vacuum", fifth "with roses" and sixth "an abstract being." See if you can complete the diamond from these clues:

C
U
R
R
E
N
T

WORD CHAIN

Can you change COLD to WARM in five moves by changing only one letter at a time and having a good word on each change? If you have trouble, try changing L to R, O to A, C to H, D to M, and H to W.

WORD SQUARE

Rearrange the letters in each row to form a good word; then rearrange the rows so they will read the same down as across:

O	O	R	R	T
A	E	O	N	T
A	I	O	N	
A	E	D	R	T
A	I	R	T	T

(Solutions On Page 20)

Below is a scene from a painting found in the ruins on Crete. The girls carry drink which they offer to the god Zeus, whose sacred sign is the double axe (left). The Greek word for double axe is labrys, so some scholars explain the labyrinth as "the place of the double axe."



RED GREEN YELLOW BLUE

Excavation lends truth to ancient Greek myth— Did A Monster Lurk In The Labyrinth?

By GENEVIEVE BRUNSON

PERHAPS some day you will become an archaeologist. And if you do, perhaps some day you will discover a lost city.

That is what happened to Sir Arthur Evans in 1900, when he noticed a mound on a farm on the island of

Crete, in the Mediterranean Sea.

After much hard digging he and his men discovered, to their amazement, a lost city in ruins.

It was the ancient city of Knossos, ruled by King Minos 4,000 years ago. About 100,000 people lived there then.

Here were the homes, theatres, palaces, and the famous labyrinth with its tragic mazes—all from another civilisation.

Works of art still decorated the walls; the paint was still clear. There were vases taller than a man, and beautiful statues.

The paved streets were only four feet wide, because in those days there were no horses on the island.

Wars and the sands of time had brought this once-great city to an end. And what caused the wars?

SECRET SORROW

ACCORDING TO a legend from Greek mythology, it all came about because King Minos' son was a fine athlete and others were jealous of his honours.

On this throne made of solid stone sat King Minos, who loved his wife and children; his son, Androgeus, and his beautiful daughter, Ariadne. He ruled well and was loved by his people.

But King Minos and his wife had a secret sorrow. Into this family had been born a creature with a human body but a head resembling a bull's and an animal-like appetite.

As a result of this wild offspring, the king had the labyrinth built to hide this Minotaur, as the monster was called.

The labyrinth was a sort of maze, a system of corridors going in different directions and on different levels. The entrance was closely guarded.

But the king was proud of his son, Androgeus, who excelled in athletics. This young Prince went to Athens to compete in the athletic contest. He received the highest honours.

This so enraged the jealous King of Athens that he had Prince Androgeus assassinated.

His heartbroken father, King Minos, made war on the Greeks in revenge. And as further punishment, every year (or every three or nine years, according to some versions of the story), the Athenians had to send to Minos seven youths and seven maidens. They were imprisoned in the labyrinth, where they were devoured by the Minotaur.

ROYAL VICTIM

AFTER THIS tribute was paid several times, Theseus, the son of the king who had killed Prince Androgeus, offered himself as a victim.

When he was brought before King Minos, he fell in love with that ruler's daughter, Ariadne. Together, the young couple plotted how they could save the hapless Greek prisoners from the Minotaur. Secretly the princess accompanied the prisoners into the labyrinth.

concealing a sword and a ball of thread.

The brave Greek prince told his father, King Aegeus, that if he was victorious over the labyrinth and the Minotaur, their ship would return with a white sail, instead of the black mourning sail, flown on the ships which took the victims to Crete.

But in his excitement Theseus forgot to have the sail changed to white.

The anxious father watched for the ship. Seeing black sail, he naturally thought his son and companions were dead. In grief, he threw himself into the sea which is now known as the Aegean Sea, in his memory.

AND WHAT OF King Minos? Because the Greek prisoners had escaped from the labyrinth, he imprisoned the architect who built it and his son.

But this clever architect, Daedalus, made wings of wax for himself and his son, Icarus, and they escaped their fate.

Icarus, however, flew too near the sun. His wings melted and he fell into the sea.

Daedalus landed safely in Sicily.

King Minos, hearing this, came to Sicily to claim his prisoner. But the king of that country had King Minos put to death in a boiling cauldron.

MERELY A MYTH?

SINCE THE discovery of Knossos, with the labyrinth, this story is credited with some measure of truth, instead of being regarded as merely a myth.

Some day, when you visit these ruins, you can sit on the oldest known existing throne. There you can think of that time, long ago, when Knossos was an important city, ruled by King Minos from this very throne.

Meanwhile, you can discover many fascinating stories like this by asking your librarian for a book of Greek mythology. Many, like this one, have been found to contain an element of truth, as archaeologists continue to dig into the past and scrutinise their findings.

CAN YOUR CAT LEARN TRICKS?

CATS are supposed to be stubborn when it comes to learning tricks. That is because a cat is an independent animal, and can seldom be forced to do something it doesn't want to do. Gentleness, patience, and praise do work wonders, however, and there is no reason why you cannot teach your household pet a trick or two.

Does your cat like to play with a celluloid ball? Generally a cat will bat such a ball about in a lively manner, but when the ball rolls under the sofa, he halts his playing.

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You can teach kitty to find his ball, and bring it to you. Keep repeating your command to find the ball. If there is no response, find the ball yourself, show it to the cat, and start it rolling again.

The first time the cat brings the ball to you, pet him and praise him. Kitty will soon be



This well-trained puss waits at table for his milk to be poured.

retrieving as well as any dog. Another trick is sitting up. This is best done with a favourite bit of food held between the fingers as an inducement, something like liver, kidney or fish. Bring the paws up gently with your free hand until the cat is sitting, then present the tidbit. Do the trick once every day for a week, and you will find your cat sitting up unaided at the end of this time. Shaking hands takes patience to teach. The paw must be grasped gently, released, and put down. Never use quick movements, or any undue pressure. If the cat protests, pat its head, stroke its cheeks and try again until puss trusts your motives. Other tricks a cat can learn are sitting on the shoulder, jumping into outstretched arms, rolling over, leaping through a hoop, and even dancing. Catching a ball, sitting up, and shaking hands are the best starters. Try your cat or your kitten on these.

MRS BLOOMER AND HER BLOOMERS

IF Mrs Amelia Jenks Bloomer wished to be remembered for anything, it was for her fight for the women's vote or her talks against liquor.

But dear Mrs Bloomer is not especially remembered for either of these worthwhile causes. She is remembered because she once wore a pair of pants!

It all started in 1849, when Mrs Bloomer decided that the "swearing" women's fashions of the day were unhealthy.

She claimed that disease could be cut down by wearing clothes that could not collect



dirt, mud, pieces of paper, and even small dead animals as the women's trailing dresses continually did in those days.

In those days it was no poor taste to even admit that women had legs. To display legs on the street was as shocking then as it would be for a dignified woman of today to do cartwheels and back flips at a busy intersection.

But Mrs Bloomer wanted to prove her point.

So she went out in the street wearing a costume consisting of a short jacket, a short skirt and unaccustomed to the sight, a pair of Turkish trousers gathered at the ankle by an elastic.

Certainly this costume allowed for more freedom than the whole-sleeved corsets and swishing skirts of 1849. But the public was shocked. People

everywhere talked about Mrs Bloomer—her immodesty and her nerve.

The "healthy" costume she wore came to be known as the "Bloomer costume." With much repetition, the term was gradually changed to simply "bloomers." Years after Mrs Bloomer had "made a spectacle of herself," bloomers began to be worn for

women's sports. They were the kind that came below the knee and were worn with thick stockings. They were the forerunners of our present day women's sports clothes. Today the word "bloomer" is an established word in our language, thanks to the woman who wanted comfort and sanitary clothing for all women.

—EVELYN WITTER

Jack Straw's Friends

—It Wasn't Odd for a Scarecrow to Know Them—

By MAX TRELL

PICKI POO, the Brown Poodle, said to the shadow children with the turned-about names: "I've been invited to go visiting with a good friend of mine. We're going tonight as soon as everyone in the house is asleep. If you'd like to come along with us, you're invited."

"Who is your friend?" Knarf asked.

"His name is Jack Straw," said Picki.

"Jack Straw? He's only a scarecrow!"

"That's right," agreed Picki Poo.

Stuffed With Straw

"Scarecrows can't go visiting," said Knarf. "He's stuck on a pole. He's just a suit of old clothes stuffed with straw."

"Never mind about what he's stuffed with," said Picki. "Jack Straw can walk as well as anybody. Just you wait and see!"

It must have been a little past midnight when Knarf, Hand and Picki Poo heard a tap-tap-tap on the window-pane.

It was Jack Straw tapping on the glass with a small piece of stick.

"Here I am, folks," he said. "Let's go visiting!"

Knarf and Picki Poo both hurried outside. Hand decided to stay at home.

Jack seemed to have no trouble walking. In fact, he danced along and now and then (when the wind blew hard) he just floated in the air over fences and high garden walls, across brooks and ditches.

Knarf and Picki Poo had quite a job keeping up with him.

Main Street

"Whom are we going to visit?" Knarf finally asked as they crossed the railroad tracks (Jack just leaped across them) and began walking up the main street of the town.

No one else was about, for by now it was really late and not a single light was burning in any of the houses.

Jack said: "We're going to visit my friend, Chief Moonbeam."

"Chief Moonbeam? That's an Indian name!" Knarf exclaimed in astonishment.

"Of course, it is," said Jack. "My friend, Chief Moonbeam is certainly an Indian. He's never been anything else. He's an Indian through and through!"



The Shadows and Picki saw Jack Straw through the window.

"My friend Chief Moonbeam lives in front of a cigar store," said Knarf. "He's right at the end of this street. Come along. We'll be there in a minute..."

Sure enough, in front of the cigar store at the end of the street, they found Chief Moonbeam. He was standing with feathers in his hair and a tomahawk in his hand.

"He's a wooden Indian!" said Knarf.

"It really wasn't so odd, when you come to think about it, that a Scarecrow like Jack Straw should have a Wooden Indian like Chief Moonbeam for a friend."

Wooden Face

Chief Moonbeam didn't say much. In fact, he didn't say anything. He just grinned. But he was pleased to have visitors just the same. He had a smile on his bronzed wooden face and he waved his wooden tomahawk.

Before the night was over, Knarf and Picki visited more of Jack Straw's friends.

There were several Wooden Horses, a Wooden Swan, a Wooden Camel, a Wooden Elephant and a Wooden Zebra. They were all Merry-Go-Round animals.

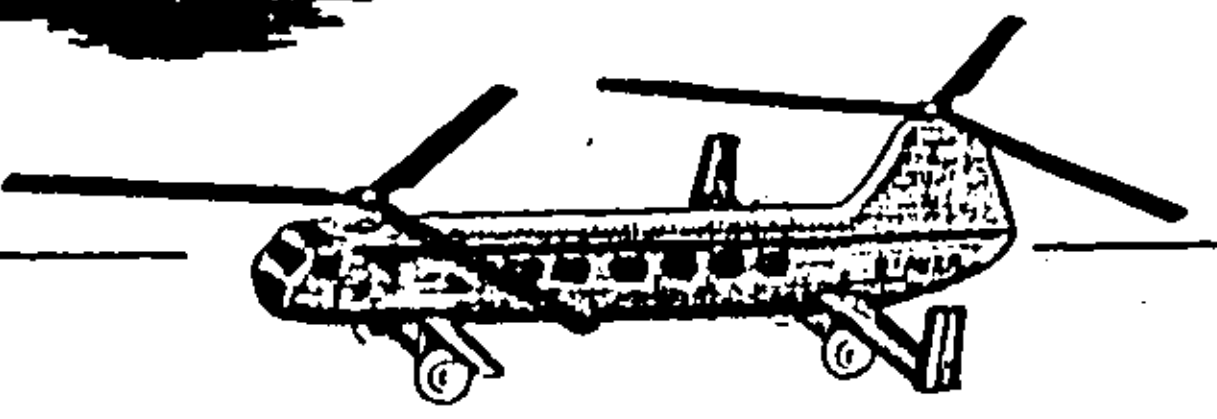
And just before the sun came up, they visited a lady pouring water into a fountain. She was made of stone. She was a statue.

"I don't know her name," said Jack Straw as they started back home. "But I like her very much. She likes me, too. She always waits for me at the fountain."

"I hope you'll let us visit your friends with you again," Knarf said to Jack. "We're very fond of Chief Moonbeam."

"Certainly," said Jack. "And he went visiting into the town of his long name."

New this month!

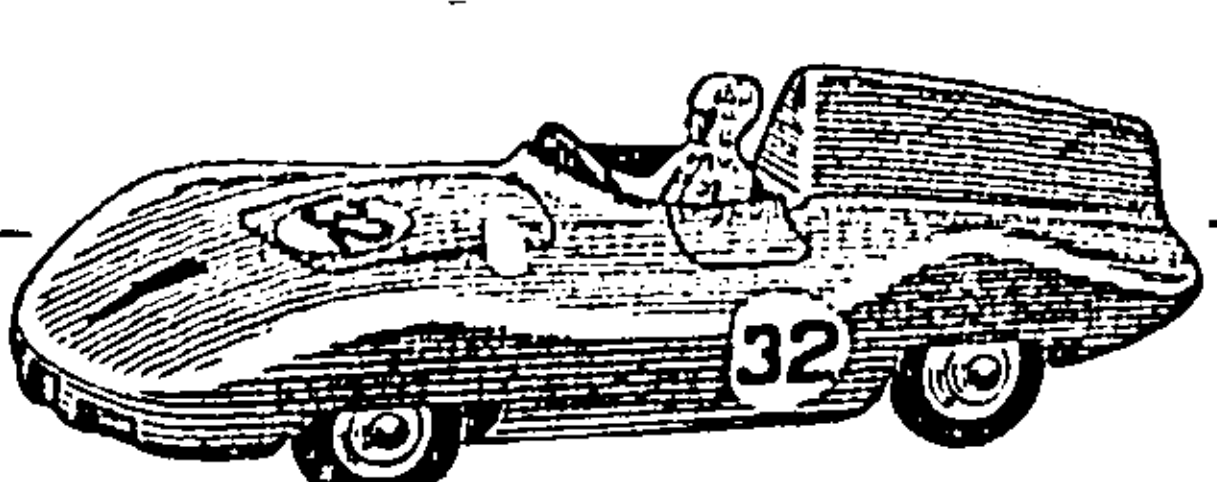


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Space Adventure

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But I have read that space is colder Than you'd think.

And if I were suspended there, I'd spin like a dizzy-wink, And if I shot like a flash through space And landed on a star, The star would be so hot that I Would burn as black as tar.

And so, for now, I'll be content With common earth and air, And wonder what the secret is Of living out there.

—Helen Sue Leidy

Rupert and the Windy Day—38



Willie starts with his eyes almost starting out of his head as Rupert drags himself out on to the arks. "Oo, how glad I am to see you!" he exclaims. "I've been low and I thought I'd help, and now you've come popping out of the ground. How did you do it?"



"I?" Before Rupert can answer him Willie gazes past him with a stared expression. "Hey, who's that you're talking to? Where are we? A voice from under the ground sounds new. Then the head and shoulders of the man appear, coming from the passage."

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WITHDRAWAL FROM SINAI Israelis Destroy All Military Installations

UNITED NATIONS TAKE OVER

Sharm el Sheikh, South Sinai, Mar. 8.
Fortified positions and gun sites at Ras Nasrani dominating the narrow gateway from the Red Sea to the Gulf of Aqaba were thoroughly demolished by Israeli sappers before the Israeli flag was lowered here today, according to Israeli sources.

Finnish troops of UNEF rolled in on the asphalted southern road from Aqaba 90 minutes later. By 6 p.m., Israeli rule in Sinai had ended.

The Israeli army Chief of Staff, Major-General Moshe Dayan, flew here as he did to every important locality abandoned by Israeli troops in compliance with the UN General Assembly's withdrawal resolution.

Swallow Bitter Pill

General Dayan said a commander should swallow the bitter pills with the sweet. He believed troops should not be left to themselves in depressing moments.

He attended a ceremony this afternoon on a hill overlooking the quiet bay as the blue and white colours of Israel were lowered before the withdrawal.

Asked about the sound of explosions, columns of smoke and wrecks of vehicles in the bay General Dayan told reporters: "We shall leave intact all installations at Sharm el Sheikh including the water de-salting plant."

"We did demolish the military installations and fortified positions."

"Nobody intends to use them here any more..."

Blown Up

Vehicles and equipment which the Israelis could not load aboard warships en route for the Red Sea, were blown up or ditched in the blue waters of the Red Sea.

Earlier this afternoon, a Canadian UNEF liaison officer, Major Colin Forest, and Finnish Major L. Korpimäki, who will be the UN's first commander of the Sinai at Sharm el Sheikh, arrived here from Aqaba to discuss latest details of the handover with Israeli officers.

The Finnish force will have 254 men, some of whom will establish an observation post on the island of Tiran in the Straits.

Rearguard

An Israeli rearguard at Sharm el Sheikh will remain for a few days, probably less than a week, after the UNEF troops move in this evening.

Two Israeli frigates and several smaller naval craft are expected to remain in the Gulf of Aqaba waters. They are based at Eilat harbour.—Reuters.

Rediffusion

H.K.T.
11 a.m., Morning Medley; 11.30, London Play House—The Brothers; 12, Tuna Tune; 12.30 p.m., three men on a wire; 1, Keyboards Capers; 1.15, News, Weather Report and special announcements; 1.30, George Haddock and his Orchestra; 2, Saturday Requests—Presented by Betty; 3, Year by Year—The Song Hits of 1956; 3.30, "Luna Doone" Mailbag; 4, Unit Requests—Presented by Linda; 4.15, Calling the Paddy Chasers; News, H.K.T. 1st; 5, Tune Signal, and News; 5.30, Weather Report, Announcements and Entertainers; 5.45, Keynotes by Carole-Franke; 6, News and his Orchestra; 6.30, Rediffusion's Jazz Club—Presented by Philip Dickson; 6.45, Dorothy Carole Show; 6.55, "Love & Mystery"; 7.30, Rediffusion's Voice of Sport; 8, Time Signal; News and Home News from Britain; 8.15, Shiro-His Parade; 8.45, Harlem by R. D. Blackmore; 9, "A Royal Invitation"; Starring Paul Rogers and Barbara Jefford; 9.15, Western Jilt-Out—Presented by Nick Kendall; 9.30, Melody Music; 9.45, Rhythm Parade; 10, Birdie Nocturne; 10.15, Hollywood Open House—Starring Wendy Barrie; 10.30, Music from "Mister"; 11, Rediffusion's Dance Party; 11.45, Rugby Union Football—Wales v. Ireland—Commentary by G. V. Wynne-Jones and Sammy Walker on the second half of the match at Cardiff; Summary by Will Wooller; 12.30, "God Save the Queen"; Close Down.

Athletes' Wedding Not Approved

Prague, Mar. 8.
American Olympic hammer-throw champion, Harold Connolly, has not yet obtained permission from the Czech authorities to marry Olga Fikotova, the Czech woman discus-throw Olympic champion, although his has been extended for 45 hours.

Connolly will leave Prague tomorrow night, when his visa expires, unless some arrangement has been reached in the meantime. He intends to go to Poland to continue his European exhibition hammer-throw tour and to return at the first opportunity to see his fiancée in Prague.

If the Czech authorities give their consent to the marriage, the couple will wed in Prague, first in a Protestant Church (Fikotova is a Protestant) then in a Catholic Church (Connolly is a Catholic). They hope to live in Boston, where Connolly is a history professor.—France-Press.

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Oil To Bypass Wrecked Pump Stations

Beirut, Mar. 8.
Engineers from Lebanon entered Syria and Iraq today to divert crude oil around three pumping stations blown up during the Suez crisis, an Iraqi Petroleum Company spokesman said.

Persian Gulf oil intended for European countries will start flowing through Syrian pipelines to the terminals of Tripoli, Lebanon and Baalbek, Syria, within two weeks, the spokesman said.

Denying reports that Syria will allow preparations for the resumed oil flow, but will not permit the actual flow, the IPC spokesman said Syrian Premier Subri El Assal had informed the company that pumping will "be resumed forthwith."—United Press.

World Flyweight Bout Wanted

Paris, Mar. 8.
Jules Averin, manager of Spanish European flyweight boxing champion, Young Martin, said in Paris today that he was ready to organise a world title bout between Martin and world Champion, Pascual Perez of the Argentine.

Averin said the match might be held in the first half of May this year. He said he was willing to organise it in Madrid, but that Martin, as challenger, would defer to the champion's choice of site and would fight in Buenos Aires if necessary.—France-Press.

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SIDE GLANCES By Galbraith



"I guess that's how men are—I finally typed a full-page letter without a mistake and he didn't say a word!"

ABSENCE OF REAL AFRO-ASIAN BLOC

Montreal, Mar. 8.
France's Foreign Minister Christian Pineau in a statement broadcast in Canada tonight said that recent debates in the United Nations pointed up the absence of a "real" Asian-African bloc.

M. Pineau said this was shown by the United Nations debates on Algeria and Egypt by the varying views expressed by such nations as Japan, Thailand, the Philippines, Syria and Lebanon.

M. Pineau was speaking in a news conference which was corded last Monday during his visit to Canada and broadcast and telecast over the Canadian Radio's French-language network tonight.

Continue Culture

Replying to questions, M. Pineau said that the problem today was not whether the world would be split between coloured peoples and those of European origin but whether coloured peoples would move irretrievably through "frantic" nationalism toward communism or, instead, toward democracy. France would continue her cultural activities in the Middle East despite Egyptian Government measures aimed against French schools in Egypt, M. Pineau said.

He said France could not negotiate with Algerian rebels as long as terrorism continued and as long as she did not know what the rebels' chiefs represented.

Only elections, held after a ceasefire would enable Algerians to choose their representatives who could then negotiate with the French Government, M. Pineau said.

He ruled out the use of the word "Commonwealth" to

Patriotic Chinese Buy Home Products

Singapore, Mar. 8.
A Singapore businessman, Mr Teo Leo Ngoh, today attributed a rise in the sale of China made products to the "patriotism" of Chinese in Malaya, Singapore and Borneo.

Mr Teo, in an interview here said he himself did a two million Straits dollars (about 233,332 pound sterling) yearly trade with China.

He imports made-in-China sewing machines, bicycles and bicycle spare parts.

He said the quality of China's exports was the same as Japanese products.

LOW PRICED

He told a reporter: "The overseas Chinese are naturally patriotic and they buy the Chinese products."

His goods are sold in Singapore, Malaya and Borneo. Mr Teo said the prices of the Chinese goods he handled were low—much less than the British products—and the quality was "good" for the price.

All transactions were through the Bank of China which has a branch in Singapore.

Mr Teo said that sales of Chinese-made products were improving steadily in this area of Southeast Asia.—Reuters.

FOSSILISED FISH FOUND

Catania, Mar. 8.
Several dozen fossilised fish, probably dating back 20 million years, have been found between Burattina and Piazza Armerina in Sicily.

Some of the fossils are only a few centimetres long, some between 15 and 20 centimetres and others up to 35 centimetres long.

The fossils, which date back to the Upper Miocene period, when Sicily was under water, are being studied by the Geology Institute of Catania University.—France-Press.

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NOTICE

THE BANK OF EAST ASIA, LIMITED

Thirty - Eighth Ordinary Yearly General Meeting

Notice is hereby given that the Ordinary Yearly General Meeting of the Shareholders of the Bank will be held at the Head Office of the Bank, 10, Des Voeux Road, Central, Hong Kong, on Saturday, the 9th day of March, 1957, at 2.30 p.m., for the purpose of receiving and considering the Reports of the Directors and of the Auditors and the Profit and Loss Account and Balance Sheet for the year ended 31st December, 1956, and for the election of Directors and the appointment of Auditors.

The Register of Shares of the Bank will be closed from Saturday, 2nd March, 1957 to Saturday, 9th March, 1957 (both days inclusive) during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board, KAN TONG PO, Chief Manager.

Hong Kong, 11th Feb., 1957.

CHURCH NOTICE

ST. PETER'S CHURCH The Mission to Seamen, 44 Gloucester Road, Tel. 74221.
8.00 a.m. Holy Communion. Evening Service. 10.00 a.m. 10.15 a.m. 10.30 a.m. 10.45 a.m. 11.00 a.m. 11.15 a.m. 11.30 a.m. 11.45 a.m. 12.00 a.m. 12.15 a.m. 12.30 a.m. 12.45 a.m. 1.00 a.m. 1.15 a.m. 1.30 a.m. 1.45 a.m. 2.00 a.m. 2.15 a.m. 2.30 a.m. 2.45 a.m. 3.00 a.m. 3.15 a.m. 3.30 a.m. 3.45 a.m. 4.00 a.m. 4.15 a.m. 4.30 a.m. 4.45 a.m. 5.00 a.m. 5.15 a.m. 5.30 a.m. 5.45 a.m. 6.00 a.m. 6.15 a.m. 6.30 a.m. 6.45 a.m. 7.00 a.m. 7.15 a.m. 7.30 a.m. 7.45 a.m. 8.00 a.m. 8.15 a.m. 8.30 a.m. 8.45 a.m. 9.00 a.m. 9.15 a.m. 9.30 a.m. 9.45 a.m. 10.00 a.m. 10.15 a.m. 10.30 a.m. 10.45 a.m. 11.00 a.m. 11.15 a.m. 11.30 a.m. 11.45 a.m. 12.00 a.m. 12.15 a.m. 12.30 a.m. 12.45 a.m. 1.00 a.m. 1.15 a.m. 1.30 a.m. 1.45 a.m. 2.00 a.m. 2.15 a.m. 2.30 a.m. 2.45 a.m. 3.00 a.m. 3.15 a.m. 3.30 a.m. 3.45 a.m. 4.00 a.m. 4.15 a.m. 4.30 a.m. 4.45 a.m. 5.00 a.m. 5.15 a.m. 5.30 a.m. 5.45 a.m. 6.00 a.m. 6.15 a.m. 6.30 a.m. 6.45 a.m. 7.00 a.m. 7.15 a.m. 7.30 a.m. 7.45 a.m. 8.00 a.m. 8.15 a.m. 8.30 a.m. 8.45 a.m. 9.00 a.m. 9.15 a.m. 9.30 a.m. 9.45 a.m. 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